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Any mergers in the telecommunications arena are automatically, by nature, negative to the customer. Both of these entities have a large footprint-Direct TV and ATT&T. Direct is all over America and ATT&T covers half of the USA, but more than half the people. ATT&T will be the predominant owner by far. Americans could barely keep more rural area programming on as it is, but that will disappear after a merger. It will be replaced by such all American Channels such as All Jazera. America deserves rural programming such as RFD TV and other smaller channels. There are plenty of extra channels that can be used for such channels.

Anything less than a complete denial of this merger and the other major merger, Time Warner and Comcast, is a complete denial to the American Public concerning their availability to watch what is pertinent to them---not urban concentric programming!!!!!!!