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Allowing this merger is a major mistake. It would create one mega-company that will control not only television programming (abc) but control the majority of the internet backbone and 'last mile' of connectivity. The government broke apart AT&T into regional communications companies for this very reason - why would we now want to create new 'ma bell'? Cable and Internet access charges in the U.S. are among the highest in the world. Before Verizon Fios was available in my area, almost every family that I know paid over \$180 per month for cable, internet and telephone service from Comcast. These prices -- and most importantly -- the availability of different service options -- changed when competition from Verizon began. Prices dropped (somewhat) and the consumer was allowed to choose a service 'bundle' to suit their needs and lifestyle. Sadly, prices have now risen back to the pre-competition days. If you're the 'only game in town', consumers must accept horrible customer support, high prices and pay for services they don't need. Please do not allow this merger.