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I don't feel that there is enough competition in the ISP market, despite Comcast's and Time Warner's claims. From a consumer's perspective, there is typically only a single ISP option in any given area or perhaps two. Customer outcry against these companies, namely in terms of poor customer service and service in general, is exceptionally high to the point of being a running joke. That alone should make it clear that something is wrong with the ISP "market." However, from my tenure actually working for several ISP's, including one of the two involved in the attempted merger, I am aware that those companies see themselves primarily as billing systems and not service providers - in other words, achieving profit through quality service is NOT the goal as I feel it should be. Companies as large and unregulated as Time Warner and Comcast's primary goal is literally to provide nothing for something. Granted, this is a dark underbelly on an extreme end of the free market, but typically things like competition and regulatory compliance check against. However, both Time Warner and Comcast are already too large on their own to really be affected. Also, specifically on the idea that Time Warner and Comcast aren't competitors in fact - that's a convenient reality created by market agreements between all telecommunications service providers as ILECS and CLECS. Again, from my time in telecommunications, I am also aware that large telecommunications firms literally have meetings annually(?) to divide geographical areas of the country and trade who gets what market, etc. That's not competition, that's collusion, which means that the whole industry in general is slanted against consumers from the start. In other words, Time Warner and Comcast "don't compete" because they agreed not to years ago, and the same goes with other providers as well. I feel like that is questionable in and of itself. Companies should be allowed to pull their own wire in a new area if they are able and desire a space in a specific market without having to agree to terms set by established players. Allowing Time Warner and Comcast to merge only exacerbates all of these problems, and a host of others. It's counterproductive to the opportunity idealized in the American dream and replaces that opportunity with corporate kings that think they know best. In parting, my suggestion is to just make all ISP's Type-II common carriers and be done with it. The situation we're on the precipice of now is just another ATT-style anti-trust nightmare waiting to happen. The telecommunications industry has been very lucrative over the past 30 years, I think those firms have had long enough to shake their fortunes out of the light pockets of the middle class.