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The internet as we know it has changed the world. We live in an age where the freedom of expression and thought can be shared around the world, creating a democracy of ideas in the online space. But the recent spate of mega-mergers and net neutrality rulings threaten this. As more and more people are limited to fewer and fewer providers, monopolies spring up to limit customer access and value. Time Warner and Comcast do not directly compete, but each has a virtual monopoly of their respective regions already. No true competition exists. DSL and Satellite solutions are woefully inadequate competition in speed, and many customers are priced out of fiber solutions where they are available. Giving Comcast an even larger monopoly over more areas only hurts consumers. It gives Comcast the ability to further bully content providers into unreasonable agreements in order to access consumers. Combined with the threats to net neutrality, where the only alternative protection for a consumer would be to switch to a non-existent competitor, and what you have is a two fold attack on the greatest forum for ideas in our modern age.