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I am against the merger of Direct TV and ATT. Direct TV is one of two satellite networks available for rural users. I lived in a rural/urban area near Birmingham, AL. I could not get cable hookup because the population density was not high enough to justify the expense of installation. It took 10 years before the surveys were reviewed. Thankfully, there was satellite TV.

When the number of firms offering a service is consolidated into only a few providers, our choice of channels will be less and our costs will go up - it happens every time. What is most important to me is the availability of programming for rural areas. Most of the rural areas are more socially and politically conservative than the urban areas. I fear that the conservative programming wants and views will not be offered as the power concentrates. This is not healthy for a democracy.

If I wanted one perspective on issues, I would watch only Russia Today (RT) or move to a communist country.