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Please do not allow AT&T and DirecTV to merge operations. A larger company with a single monopoly in more markets, has a greater amount of pressure to apply (due to larger userbase) on the government, media organizations, and consumers. DirecTV is already available nearly anywhere, and merging with AT&T reduces competition in many markets. That means that the combined organization would have more clout in renegotiating media contracts, in setting a national media agenda, in determining the national expectations of consumers, strong-arming competitors in shared markets. We should be splitting AT&T into smaller pieces to reduce the immense influence they already have on how we consume media, rather than allowing already gigantic corporations to gain more power.