

To the FCC Commissioners

To Whom It May Concern,

I agree whole heartily with the statement below. I do feel how ever, that a few words of my own would address my own issues of concern.

First of all, look down the road a bit. Lets say 50-100 years. Ask your self, how will this effect people in the long run. Will this merger benefit the corporations or the people.

Second, ask your self, what is it that "AOL and Time Warner" are not saying. You've heard what there saying, listen to what their not saying. Reading between the lines is not looking far enough.

Third, Look into all the businesses that "AOL and Time Warner" own or have a vested interest in. See if they play off or against each other in such a way that it gives them an unfair advantage as a result of this merger. Something unforeseen unless you dig deep enough and know exactly what your looking for!

Best of all, listen to the complaints from the people. They don't stand to win or loss money with this merger, just another 'Freedom of Speech Point' taken away from us, that's all.

How many "Freedom of Speech Points" are taken away from the American people resides in your ability to make the correct decision in this and further matters. Dealing with corporations these days in no way looks to the best interest of anyone but it self. If you believe that for a New York second these or any other giant corporation wouldn't ream, manipulate and lie to you to get what they want, your in for a big surprise. I can sum it up in one word "MICROSOFT"!!!

Need I remind you of the Firestone Tire problem. For years they've been saying there's nothing wrong with their tires. They boldly lied to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. That makes me furiously mad as it does many Americans. Firestone has become so accustom to lying to the American people, that it brazenly thought it could easily lie MY government. Could the reasons why AOL and Time Warner want this censorship be the truth or just another lie? Maybe to control something they have no right to, "Freedom Of Speech".

Lets not be taken back by AOL or Time Warner and this merger. We, the American people are counting on you, if not out right depending on you to protect us from the heavy hands of these giant corporations.

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Gentlemen and Ladies:

The Internet is in mortal danger, and you will make the decision on whether it lives or dies as we know it today.

From the time it was invented, the internet has been a medium of public

exchange of information. Often this information has been useful in daily living, sometimes it has been controversial, occasionally it has been offensive to someone. But I have had the freedom to post it without fear of being excluded from the internet.

I no longer have that right if I wish to have high-speed access. There is no effective high-speed access except Time Warner. Time Warner adds this clause to its acceptable use policy states:

TIME WARNER COMMUNICATIONS SHALL HAVE THE SOLE AND UNREVIEWABLE RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHETHER CONTENT VIOLATES THESE STANDARDS.

The "standards" are such that absolutely anything I post could be considered to violate them.

Even if I do not violate these standards, if I purchase "unlimited access" as soon as I try to use it, I am either speed-capped or terminated. The acceptable use policy states:

IF TIME WARNER DETERMINES THAT THE SUBSCRIBER HAS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE SERVICE'S STANDARDS OF CONDUCT OR LIMITS ON BANDWIDTH UTILIZATION, TIME WARNER MAY SUSPEND SUBSCRIBER'S ACCOUNT.

It appears that Time Warner wants only customers who do not upload any comments and who use the service merely to purchase additional services. As I have been using the internet for quite a long time to communicate, not spend money with Time Warner, Time Warner doesn't want me.

It appears that you will approve the AOL Time Warner merger in some manner. If you do not act to require the merged company to return to the basic principles of freedom of speech, there will be no hope for people like me who want to communicate, not purchase more Bugs Bunny cartoons. The new company will totally control high-speed access. People like me will not be allowed on the internet through the new company.

It seems that you will establish some protection for the large corporations. Will you protect me too?

The internet is a creation of America, and shows the world the power of freedom. It will be a sad commentary if the country which created freedom kills the most powerful voice for freedom now existing in the world.

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