

AOL is not a particularly good citizen of the Internet and the only reason they can't dominate the Web is that they're mediocre businessmen. Time Warner is much better at running a business but not a particularly admirable corporation. The merger creates a giant (with business acumen) that has some potential to be a dominating force in the Internet. There is little evidence of ethical standards at Time Warner which leads me to believe that they are not unlikely to abuse their position of dominance. This is just the latest step toward consolidation of Internet Service Providers. We're going to end up with limited competition and thus limited choice in how we gain access to the Internet.