

The Time Warner/AOL merger is a threat to the Internet. Consolidating so much media content along with internet access and delivery of high speed home access is untenable without substantial controls protecting the consumer from Time Warner/AOL's potential to control access.

Most distressing is Time Warner/AOL's potential to restrict internet access based on the content of what the consumer is reading or posting (uploading to the internet). Without substantial restrictions on Time Warner/AOL's actions, Time Warner/AOL would be free to stop people from accessing most of the internet. According to their current service policy, I personally would be subject to bandwidth limits or termination of service at Time Warner/AOL's whim. They could cap or terminate my service because I use the internet for professional communication and not to purchase things from Time Warner. Why should anyone expect this to change after the merger? It will only get worse as Time Warner/AOL continues to amass control.

Unless Time Warner/AOL is required to provide uncensored access to the internet for all users of their services, then the merger should be prohibited.