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We don't need foreign companies competing in the Canadian telecom sector.

- While prices of cell phone services might be lower it is doubtful to happen any time soon. They are only going to charge what the existing carriers are or a bit lower to gain market share. Why would they charge a lower price to make a lower margin as soon as they enter when they can take Canadian dollars at a higher margin right over to their home country?
- I would be concerned about the quality of service in rural areas and what the government plans to do/spend to ensure that their level of service is not diminished. It is clear right now that urban centers are definitely 'subsidizing' the services of rural areas, but as a foreign company, they would just take the urban areas and forget about unprofitable areas. Who will compensate to ensure their level of service is maintained?
- How high of a tax would you have to charge a foreign company in order to compensate for lost jobs, lost vendor payments, lost quality of life in Canada? I think no tax would be a high enough and could not be administrated appropriately to ensure that there is not a loss in over life benefit.
- How will existing TelCos be compensated for their recent large investments in wireless and data infrastructure - especially in light of imminent bankruptcies when and if foreign ownership is allowed?

I am not in favour of having foreign companies compete in Canada's telecom service provision - to me, allowing this type of competition means decreased quality of life for all Canadians through less available jobs in Canada, fewer contracts awarded to Canadian vendors from telecom companies, lower service quality in areas that are not population dense, and less money in the form of taxes for the Canadian Government to put to worthwhile programs for Canadian citizens.

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