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Hi,

My name is Victor Miranda and I just wanted to say that I am all for allowing foreign investments into Canada. In fact, probably the only people who will be opposed to that are the major telecommunication companies. However, I think major changes are needed all around and that foreign investment also has to be allowed for broadcasting as well. You cannot allow one and not the other, especially since both are intertwined so much. Most cable companies offer phone and cellular services and most phone companies offer television services.

The major changes I was referring to are that I believe the Broadcasting Act and Telecommunication Act are extremely outdated and should be replaced by a new single act covering all aspects of broadcasting and telecommunications, simply because cable and phone companies are now virtually one and the same. I don't even know how I can call Shaw or Rogers a cable company or MTS and Bell a phone company, they simply are not.

In any event, I believe more foreign investment would be good as I believe mobile phone companies in Canada are over billing consumers and making a lot of money in the process at our expense. In fact I must ask you, why must we pay by the text or by the minute, why not flat monthly rates like regular phone service and internet service? That is what kills most people.

As for broadcasting, our broadcasters are lazy and need some competition to make them profitable again. There is a huge monopoly in the broadcasting world with only a couple of major players in CTV, Rogers, and Canwest/Shaw/Corus. All these companies do is buy American

programming and air it on all of their networks. And they produce very little Canadian programming in comparison. Allowing more foreign competition would force our broadcasters to do something different for a change or risk going out of business altogether. On a side note, we Canadians are tired of cheap Canadian imitations such as HBO Canada, when we would really rather watch the real thing, so much so that many people steal American television signals. Would it really pain the CRTC and the Canadian broadcasters to just approve the original American versions instead of creating cheap Canadian versions?

Anyway, I believe major changes are required to the broadcasting and telecommunication world, but that it cannot just be in telecommunication alone. Thanks.

Victor