



Netflix's Potential Warner Bros. Acquisition Faces Backlash

Description

James Cameron has written a letter saying that if Netflix buys Warner Bros.' studio and streaming services, it could lead to major job losses, change how movies are shown in theatres, and harm the film export industry.

The filmmaker, known for "Avatar," sent his letter last week to Senator Mike Lee, who is in charge of the Senate subcommittee on antitrust. The letter was recently obtained by CNBC.

Cameron strongly believes that selling Warner Bros. to Netflix would be disastrous for the cinema industry, to which he has devoted his life. He explained that while his films also do well in home video markets, his first passion is cinema.

He warned that if fewer big-budget films are made, many theatres might close, leading to a significant loss of jobs. Cameron pointed out that Netflix's business model does not support traditional movie production and showing, affecting hundreds of thousands of American workers.

In response, Senator Lee stated that they have received feedback from many individuals in the film industry about the potential merger. He shares some of their concerns and looks forward to a hearing to discuss the issues further.

Cameron also believes that a merger would negatively impact Hollywood film exports, saying that while the US may no longer lead in other industries, it remains a leader in movies, and that could change.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Job** /dʒɑ:b/ (noun): A paid position of regular employment.
2. **Disastrous** /dɪ'zæstrəs/ (adjective): Causing great damage or harm.
3. **Merger** /'mɜ:r.dʒər/ (noun): The combination of two or more entities into one.
4. **Export** /'ɛk.spɔ:rt/ (verb): To send goods or services to another country for sale.
5. **Industry** /'ɪn.də.stri/ (noun): Economic activity concerned with the processing of raw materials and manufacture of goods.
6. **Impact** /'ɪm.pækt/ (noun): The action of one object coming forcibly into contact with another.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. Who wrote a letter concerning Netflix's potential acquisition of Warner Bros.?
Option: Steven Spielberg
Option: James Cameron
Option: Martin Scorsese
Option: George Lucas

2. What is James Cameron best known for?
Option: Titanic
Option: Avatar
Option: Star Wars
Option: Jurassic Park

3. To whom did James Cameron send his letter regarding the merger?
Option: Senator Bernie Sanders
Option: Senator Mike Lee
Option: Senator Chuck Schumer
Option: Senator Elizabeth Warren

4. What industry does Cameron warn could suffer due to the merger?
Option: Video Game Industry
Option: Theatre Industry
Option: Television Industry
Option: Music Industry

5. What does Cameron believe Netflix's business model does not support?
Option: Home video markets
Option: Television production
Option: Traditional movie production
Option: Independent films

6. What might happen to many theatres if fewer big-budget films are made?
Option: They may expand
Option: They may close
Option: They may be renovated
Option: They may change ownership



True-False

7. James Cameron believes the potential merger will lead to job creation.
8. Cameron stated that his first passion is cinema.
9. Senator Mike Lee is in charge of the Senate subcommittee on antitrust.
10. Cameron thinks the merger would positively impact Hollywood film exports.
11. James Cameron has devoted his life to the cinema industry.
12. Senator Lee is dismissive of the feedback from the film industry regarding the merger.

Gap-Fill

13. James Cameron believes selling Warner Bros. to Netflix could lead to _____ job losses.
14. Cameron's first passion is _____ .
15. If fewer big-budget films are made, many theatres might _____ .
16. Netflix's business model does not support traditional movie _____ .
17. Cameron pointed out that the merger could negatively impact Hollywood film _____ .
18. The letter was recently obtained by _____ .

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. James Cameron 2. Avatar 3. Senator Mike Lee 4. Theatre Industry 5. Traditional movie production 6. They may close

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. major 14. cinema 15. close 16. production 17. exports 18. CNBC



Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which sector does the word "industry" primarily refer to?

- Option: Agriculture
- Option: Manufacturing
- Option: Retail
- Option: Technology

2. What is a common reason for companies to engage in a "merger"?

- Option: To increase market share
- Option: To create competition
- Option: To reduce costs
- Option: To avoid regulations

3. What type of substances are referred to as "toxic"?

- Option: Beneficial
- Option: Harmful
- Option: Neutral
- Option: Essential

4. What is typically associated with the process of "healing"?

- Option: Suffering
- Option: Recovery
- Option: Pain
- Option: Disruption

5. What does "broadcast" primarily relate to?

- Option: Online streaming
- Option: Television or radio transmission
- Option: Direct mail
- Option: Newspaper publications

6. What does it mean to have "access" to something?

- Option: To be denied entry
- Option: To be allowed entry
- Option: To be confused
- Option: To overlook

7. What emotion often accompanies "suffering"?



- Option: Joy
- Option: Indifference
- Option: Pain
- Option: Excitement

8. What does "conservatorship" often involve?

- Option: Financial independence
- Option: Legal guardianship
- Option: Self-management
- Option: Personal freedom

9. How would you describe a "significant" event?

- Option: Unimportant
- Option: Trivial
- Option: Meaningful
- Option: Obscure

10. What does "ransom" typically refer to?

- Option: A form of payment for education
- Option: Money demanded for the release of a captive
- Option: A reward for good behavior
- Option: A fine for breaking the law

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

- 11. She applied for the _____ that was advertised in the newspaper.
- 12. The spy was skilled at keeping _____ from his enemies.
- 13. The students were _____ the merits of different solutions to the problem.
- 14. The _____ fire caused significant damage to the building.
- 15. I watch several _____ on cable for news and entertainment.
- 16. The country plans to _____ goods to boost its economy.
- 17. In the movie the _____ tried to take over the world.
- 18. Many people prefer _____ services for watching movies at home.



19. The new policy will have a significant _____ on the community.
20. The program focuses on the _____ of individuals who have faced addiction issues.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The police were called to deal with the intruders who broke into the house.
22. Her words seemed to resonate with everyone in the room striking a deep chord.
23. The experiment aimed to explore the depths of human consciousness and awareness.
24. The storm caused a disastrous outcome leading to widespread destruction.
25. The researchers studied the substance to determine its chemical properties.
26. The competition was brutal with many teams vying for the top position.
27. It is necessary to take precautions when working with hazardous materials.
28. The resources needed for the project are readily available online.
29. Psychotropic medications can have various effects on mood and behavior.
30. The community engaged in healing after the tragic event to restore hope and unity.

Answer

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Gap-Fill: 11. job 12. secrets 13. debating 14. accidental 15. channels 16. export 17. villains 18. streaming 19. impact 20. rehabilitation

Matching sentence: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

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