



TELL CONGRESS: Paramount executives are celebrating after securing \$24 billion from Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states for a mega-merger with Warner Brothers. Pete Hegseth cheered on Trump's allies at Paramount for coming close to taking control of CNN. **Sign the petition: Urge Congress to stop Trump's media takeover — block the Paramount-Saudi deal with Warner Brothers!**

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Trump and his allies have paved the way for Paramount's \$111 billion deal to take over Warner Brothers, which owns CNN.¹ David Ellison, head of Paramount, **told the Trump admin that he'll bring "sweeping changes" to CNN, a frequent target of Trump's anti-media vitriol.**²

Pete Hegseth sneered at CNN's coverage of the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran recently, calling it "fake news" and saying, "The sooner David Ellison takes over that network, the better."³

Paramount's mega-deal took a giant step forward last week when it secured **\$24 billion from Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE to finance the deal.**⁴ Congress must stop this dangerous, Trump-serving media monopoly.

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When news hit of the \$24 billion in Gulf state funding behind the deal, Paramount's stock jumped 11% in just one day.⁵ This mega-merger is great for rich executives and right-wing billionaires, but terrible for workers, consumers, artists, and the free press.

Senator Elizabeth Warren called the proposed mega-merger an **"antitrust disaster."**⁶

Paramount's CBS has already installed unqualified right-wing figures at the top of its news properties. Now, the same thing could happen at CNN.

The mounting pro-Trump media takeover is a key part of the administration's authoritarian power grab. Congress must step in as the

Trump admin tries to push this deal through.

[Sign the petition: Stop the Paramount-Warner Brothers mega-merger.](#)

Thanks for taking action,

Joey and the team at Demand Progress

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