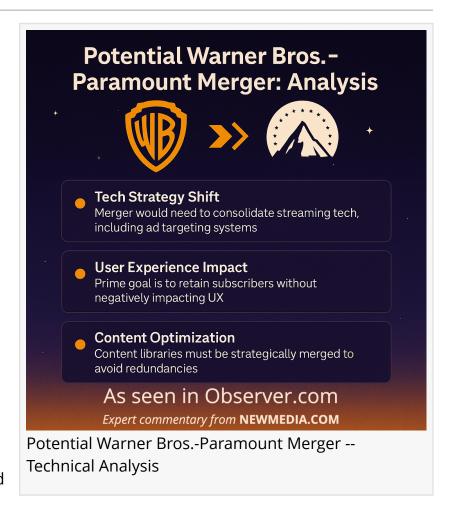


## Observer Article on Warner Bros.-Paramount Merger Quotes Steve Morris, CEO of NEWMEDIA.COM On Media Consolidation for UX

Steve Morris Comments in Observer on Warner Bros.–Paramount Merger: What Media Consolidation Means for UX, Streaming Tech, and Competitive Positioning

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, September 16, 2025 / EINPresswire.com/ -- Observer Article on Warner Bros.–Paramount Merger Quotes NEWMEDIA.COM CEO Steve Morris On What Media Consolidation Means for UX, Streaming Tech, and Competitive Positioning

Observer, one of the most trusted sources in U.S. media and business journalism, has published an in-depth piece examining the potential Warner Bros. Discovery and Paramount-Skydance merger — a move that would reshape the entertainment and media landscape.



Among a select group of experts quoted in the article, titled How a Warner Bros.-Paramount Merger Could Make or Break Hollywood; A merger might deliver blockbuster power, or implode under its own weight, is <a href="Steve Morris">Steve Morris</a>, founder and CEO of NEWMEDIA.COM, whose insights unpack how consolidation at this scale requires more than content volume: it demands smart, scalable technology infrastructure, user experience (UX) design, and digital strategy that can serve a global audience without compromising performance or engagement.

As the media giants weigh the promise of combining massive content libraries, brand portfolios, and streaming operations, Morris highlights the hidden complexity beneath the surface. His analysis underscores that mergers of this magnitude often face substantial headwinds if the resulting platforms lack cohesion, speed, intuitive UX, or scalable back-end systems. While legacy media firms focus on rights, catalogs, and monetization, Morris reminds us that audiences today are loyal to seamless experiences, not just brands.

**Potential Paramount-**Warner Bros. Merger Analyzed Key Observations from Article **Industry Impact** A mega-merger of two major entertainment firms could reshape the media landscape **Debt Challenges** Paramount's debt could complicate negotiations and require strategic financial planning **Streaming Importance** Max and Paramount + could beneft by unifying their content libraries and subscriber bases **Practical Hurdles** Disparate corporate cultures and legacy systems add layers of complexity As Quoted in OBSERVER Steve Morris Founder and CEO, NEWMEDIA.COM Potential Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger -- Business

Key Observations from the Observer Article

In the article, Morris emphasizes the critical need for merged companies to move beyond "content scale" and instead prioritize platform usability, personalization, and digital brand consistency across all devices. As quoted in Observer:

**Analysis** 



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Steve Morris, NEWMEDIA.COM

"The real test would be creative and product market fit," Morris said. "It's not just who owns what catalog — it's who can deliver it with less friction and more user delight."

He also notes that platform consolidation poses serious operational and technical risks. From infrastructure debt to inconsistent discovery algorithms, these technical barriers

often slow down innovation — and frustrate users. The article frames Morris's input as a vital lens through which to view streaming M&A strategies: not just from a content perspective, but from the customer experience layer and the tech stack that underpins it.

Read the full Observer article here: <a href="https://observer.com/2025/09/warner-bros-discovery-paramount-skydance-merger-analysis/">https://observer.com/2025/09/warner-bros-discovery-paramount-skydance-merger-analysis/</a>

NEWMEDIA.COM's Expertise in Streaming UX, Platform Architecture, and <u>Digital Media Strategy</u>

With over 25 years in the digital innovation space, NEWMEDIA.COM has worked extensively with media, streaming, SaaS, content heavy platforms, and organizations where content volume, cross platform UX, and technical performance are non negotiable. Some relevant strengths:

- Designing streaming platform UX workflows that balance discovery, performance, and personalization
- Building scalable content architectures (e.g. CDN, microservices, API hierarchies) that maintain consistent performance and experience under load
- Integrating metrics and feedback loops to optimize content discovery, reduce friction, and drive retention
- Ensuring that client platforms have infrastructure ready for Al driven content recommendations, search, and personalization

Morris's insight in the Observer article reflects this hands on experience: he's seen firsthand how studios and streaming providers that succeed aren't always those with the biggest catalogs, but those that can deliver usable, lovable UX, strong product market alignment, and that reduce friction in content delivery.

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## Why It Matters

- Streaming is becoming increasingly saturated. With so many players, content scale alone no longer wins user experience, discovery, and ease of use increasingly differentiate brands.
- Operational risk and technical debt are real. Large media entities planning consolidation must manage not only brand, content, and licensing integration, but also disparate UX systems, legacy tech, and user data silos.
- Opportunity for differentiation. The right product/market fit, combined with technical excellence and UX investment, can turn a merger into an advantage improving customer retention, elevating content discoverability, and reducing churn.
- NEWMEDIA.COM's advantage. This combination of UX, content strategy, and technical architecture is part of NEWMEDIA.COM's DNA, meaning clients looking to scale content, improve streaming platforms, or prepare for market consolidation can leverage our depth of experience

for smoother transitions and more compelling platforms.

## About NEWMEDIA.COM

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