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**Unidentified Audience Member Analyst**

Can you talk about what you think the appropriate leverage ratio is for DIRECTV post-merger, and whether or not we should look at Liberty Global as the appropriate model?

**Gregory B. Maffei - Liberty Media Corporation - President & CEO**

I think that you're constrained, whether you like it or not, probably by what effectively the cost of leverage, say, i.e., that there is more reason to think being investment grade or close to investment grade are more worthwhile. I think Chase and his team have been thinking a lot about what the right number is, and I think Liberty would be fully endorsed — the idea that there is likely to be less leverage, and it makes sense to be less leveraged in the near-term here than many companies, including probably Liberty Global. We are — you look at what DIRECTV — where it sits today, net leverage is under one times .6 or something. Post the transaction, it's still going to be just over — net leverage will be over just one times. It's very underleveraged, even by relatively conservative standards. And I think if you set a — from Liberty's perspective — a ratio of two or three times, it would still — let's just call it two times — it would still give you plenty of room to do share of purchase or even transactions.

**Unidentified Audience Member Analyst**

Just with respect to the last question, so can you comment on how you're thinking about the 2 billion of share authorized repurchase at DIRECTV? And I guess you have a window at which you have to access that.

**Gregory B. Maffei - Liberty Media Corporation - President & CEO**

Well, you're asking about the windows related to tax rulings and the like. So there's a period here before proxies and prospectuses on the shares to be issued or produced, and I think Direct is free to buy as it chooses. Obviously, there are limitations within trading ranges that are normal just the way they've been operating them before. The period after that — those proxies have been produced through the close, they may be limited in what they can buy, or may be prevented altogether. And then after the close, there may be limitations based for some period of time around more as trust considerations. I believe that DIRECTV is working and Liberty is helping them think about, with the tax ruling, to ensure that we can purchase shares after the deal closes on the basis that we don't know whether they're being purchased from Liberty shareholders or DIRECTV shareholders. So there's no reason to think we're disadvantageously reducing

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the Liberty share count and taking us under potentially 50.1%. We do have some cushion to begin with, so that would give you some level of confidence; and those restrictions drop way off over time. I think in line, though, with what we're saying, DIRECTV is going to produce over \$2 billion a year of free cash flow. It's relatively underleveraged. That share authorization was supported by the entire board, including Liberty, and we think DIRECTV is attractive at these prices and it ought to be repurchasing as much stock as it can within the limitations of that debt coverage and what's allowed under the tax rulings.

**Unidentified Audience Member Analyst**

So with regards to optimizing the debt structure and fulfilling the reverse mortgage trust, it sounds like you think it's a more prudent decision to wait until after the merger is closed?

**Gregory B. Maffei - Liberty Media Corporation - President & CEO**

No, I think — no, no, I think you'll be buying — I think you'll see DIRECTV buying through the period that the prospectus is released — proxies are released — and then looking for comfort in the rulings about what they can do after the fact.

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