Why is HDTV taking so damn long?

Here is an article on MSN's Slate.com talking about how HDTV is available in most places now, but nobody knows it.

I can understand that HDTV is prohibitively expensive for a lot of people, that's fine. But the fact that most cable (even digital cable) providers don't have any HD channels, and some satellite providers require you to buy two dishes (one for normal tv, and one for HDTV), and most of their salespeople don't know they offer HDTV, means not many people have it in their homes.

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