

## FCC

I would like to discuss my views on the Obama-era FCC regulations known as “Title II”. This regulation enables the federal government to get extraordinary and unnecessary amount of control in the internet. This regulation will have a direct impact on innovation in the industry and also create an economic uncertainty in many sectors of US. Being a concerned tax payer as well as an international student in United States, I would like to say that is very important to set internet free and make it available for as many people as possible. This will in turn help in increasing the potential of internet. Being a tax payer, there has been threats of many new fees on various bills being coming up with the commission. This will not only affect the common man but also the IT industry which strives on internet. The level of innovation which is possible now and has been currently made; will be obstructed if impositions are put on the use of internet. A common person should be able to use and access any information from internet which will help in personal and professional development.

It is important to deliver online content to consumers in the same way and without granting preferential treatment for any important content. Being information professional, I would like to also discuss the technicality of net neutrality. It’s very frequent for every user to experience slow download speed even if the user has subscribed to the highest speed internet. This is because of filters set on the data which puts a strain on their bandwidth. So, because of some services the user faces difficulties in accessing other services. Also, I believe charging on internet might not be easy to track and whether the information will be used for improving the services or not.

It is rightly said by Mueller that “Net neutrality is derived from the end-to-end principle and seeks to prevent the blocking of access to web sites by network operators, and their establishment of walled gardens or similar kinds of limits on the content, applications and services that can be accessed by Internet users”(Muller,M,2007) . Talking about rights and providing facilities shouldn’t everyone be given the same rights and opportunity? Should it not be the user who should decide what and how to do? Small content producers who may not be able to afford the rates will not be able to provide faster speed.

Thus, it will definitely create a “two-tiered” Internet wherein wealthy companies pay for content to be delivered at high speeds, while content from startups or small web publishers languishes in the slow lane. Banning Net neutrality would also hinder the economic growth of United States. There would be no sense of encouragement on providers who cannot afford high speed and more money. Using internet is the right of every provider and should not be taken away. Net neutrality is the human right and should be implemented (Belli, L., & De Filippi, P. (2016)).

Thus, after discussing some important aspects, I strongly urge all of the FCC Commissioners to support the Chairman's proposal to repeal the harmful Title II internet takeover.

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