# Net Neutrality

To even imagine a day without internet makes anyone feel handicapped in the twenty first century because with the help of internet almost anything can be done from the comfort of the home and within minutes; From booking train tickets to hauling a cab at your doorsteps has been possible with the advent of internet and the freedom of innovation given on this platform.

To understand the repercussions that we as a common citizen might face when the congress is about to repeal the FCC's Net Neutrality rules and what the whole debate is about, we first need to understand how exactly does the internet work right now and what changes we might see if these laws are repealed. At present the way the internet works is that all the big companies have to provide all the content to the users at the same speed and in no way, can they block any content other than spam. (Milton Mueller, 2007) The laws further also placed a limit with what companies could do with information such as customer browsing habits, app usage history, location data and Social Security numbers. The rules also had required providers to strengthen safeguards for customer data against hackers and thieves. (Fung, 2017)

With FCC trying to repeal these laws not only will they take away freedom of speech away from one of the most influential platform it will also hamper the security of the citizens as with those laws no longer in place providers will be able to monitor their customers’ behaviour online and, without their permission, use their personal and financial information to sell highly targeted ads. (Fung, 2017) And this is just one of the consequences of the decision that FCC is planning to take. As the Tier one companies are advocating of having complete control over the bandwidth and the content in it i.e they would decide what content they want to block and the speed of the content depending on how much money the company whose content they are letting pass through to the user. (drawntoknowledge, 2010)

To bring things into perspective in the era of entrepreneurship where internet has always been an ally for all the budding business having the laws on net neutrality repealed will not only slow down but even discourage people with innovative ideas to go ahead with them. Thus, we as common citizens would have the most to lose with these laws being repealed and we all should come together as one and advocate against the government and FCCs decision.

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