

Dear FCC Members,

The matter of Internet neutrality will, over time, be a huge factor in how the world as a whole progresses.

Without neutrality, eventually big money interests will gain unfair advantage over basic services, including free and fair news reporting, that are required in any society to maintain accountability of our government and business leaders.

Any company with control of an Internet delivery system has an obvious advantage over any other company that might be trying to market entertainment products. If news supply and news delivery is handled similar to entertainment products, the potential for abuse and very anti-democracy results is very real.

The concept and assertion stated above requires an astute and perhaps highly informed reader to understand the "why" behind it. Below is a more straightforward issue, stated in the form of questions.

Why are we not treating the providers of the delivery of digital data like basic utility service providers?

(Data volume, just like gallons of water, watts of electricity, and minutes of long distance phone call connections, is easily measured. Thus, data can easily be charged for by usage.)

Why do we allow companies to mush together an essential, utilitarian service with businesses that are in the nonessential area of society - entertainment and sales of merchandise?

Companies whose utilitarian purpose and role in society is the delivery of data (via cables or radio waves), mush together that utilitarian and highly essential business of data delivery, with sales of non-essentials including entertainment, games and merchandise

In other words, cable TV companies and phone companies (both traditional copper lines and cellular phones) now provide data transmission that is essential to maintaining today's complex societal needs (btw - voice communications are headed toward nearly all voip data). Yet these same companies are providing entertainment products, and are mushing together, or trying to mush together, what should be entirely separate business types.

Keep regulation focused. Do not mush together regulation of essential utilitarian data delivery service with non-essential / entertainment type services.

Respectfully,

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