

Hello, I am here to express the objective reasoning as to why net neutrality is the most critical decision we have been faced with in recent memory. What we decide will alter the business and scientific sectors as well as the general consumption of media and information by the American Public for decades to come.

The internet has allowed for an exponential increase in innovation that is unparalleled in all of human history. The entire wealth of human knowledge has been made available to us at the push of a button. We have seen companies such as Amazon, Facebook and Google go from just a few lines of HTML to commercial and technological trail blazers. The only way we will see future intrapreneurs follow in the footsteps of these companies is if they are given equal footing on which to compete on.

The current state of the internet is just that. All URLs regardless of content or ownership are given the same bandwidth as the consumer's internet plan provides as well as the same opportunity for exposure. If we do not continue oversight on ISPs under Title 2 of the communications act of 1932 we will see the internet chopped and chained. The ISPs and their business constituents will rework how we access the internet in whatever way they think will further their own personal interest regardless of the effects it will have on the consumer. I believe that the cease and desist threats by Comcast on pro-net neutrality websites are a major red flag in signaling what companies will do if the rope that ties their hands now is cut. Under FCC chairman Ajit Pai's plan, there would be nothing stopping Comcast from simply just blocking access to the website. We have also seen ISPs blocking services that directly compete with their own products. Verizon AT&T and T-mobile blocked google wallet as it competed with their own mobile payment programs. Pai has said that title 2 is not necessary for net neutrality because he hopes to have these companies voluntarily agree not to obstruct or slow consumer access to web content. I believe that the whole of human history is evidence enough to justify the claim that it is human nature to want to improve one's personal financial and social standings with little concern to how our actions affect those not in their social circle. The way the native Americans fell victim to the idea of manifest destiny is just one example of this nature. If given the legal green light these companies will do whatever they feel will further their interest. Normally when I see a politician or a person of power taking a stance that is not in the interest of the people I say follow the money. In the case of Ajit Pai, we can just simply look at his resume. He was a former lawyer for Verizon. A company that takes a strong stance against net neutrality.

I would also like to point out the absurdity that the Fcc has taken part in by discrediting identical comments in support for net neutrality while validating those identical comments that look to abolish it. It is common knowledge that websites that seek to inform and guide people into taking action for net neutrality provide a generic message to give people less of a reason to act passively. And to bring this absurdity to its apex those anti-net neutrality comments have been spoken out against by people whose names were attached to them without their knowledge or consent.

By abolishing net neutrality we are allowing corporations to bottleneck a resource that has no physical quantity or limitation that would justify doing so. This will put America at a

disadvantage on the world stage. We see countries around the world putting effort into making the internet as accessible as possible due to the plethora of benefits the internet possesses. I see no reason, save corporate greed, that we would willingly restrict the availability and performance of the most powerful tool in human history.

This issue must be vocalized in Congress. Due to the fact that the 24 hr News media is concerned with what is flashy and gets people to watch thru the commercial break and not with what is pertinent to the American public. Time Warner is the owner of the newly rebranded internet provider spectrum as well as the news mecca CNN. They have a lot to gain for the possibility of new neutrality being abolished. So it is not hard to understand why this issue has received little to no coverage.

This is not a decision that should be decided on in the shadows away from public scrutiny. It must be brought front and center. Regardless of the outcome, the American public deserves to know on which side of this issue their elected representative stand on. Thank you.