

Net Neutrality

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Introduction

As americans in a free country we rely on the freedom that strong net neutrality gives to us.

Ending net neutrality would violate all american citizens constitutional right to freedom of information; along with giving ISP's the opportunity to conduct anti-competitive practices which affect our constitutional right to freedom of information and privacy.

Who really owns the internet?

The internet is an odd thing for sure and all take a feeling of ownership of it. But in actuality the internet cannot be owned, it is an international phenomena that connects people all over the world. I have friends who live all across germany and i cannot call or text them due to long distance fees up to \$0.25 a text, so i use an app called Whatsapp to speak with them. Say a ISP really doesn't like whatsapp and wants to make more money off international calls and texts, ending net neutrality would give ISP's the freedom to slow down the app effectively cutting my right to freely communicate with other people on the internet just so they (ISP) could make a couple cents off me. No one nation rules the internet, it belongs to the people of the world and to try and enable these kinds of regulations and restrictions from these ISP's would be a mistake on the U.S. government's part and could potentially further separate the citizens from the government.

No evidence of malicious ISP's?

This situation isnt about the past and what ISP's have done, this is about potentially giving them the right to violate americans rights to browse the internet freely and

privately. We don't need evidence of malicious intent from these corporations, the people have seen the kind of power they have and how they can use it to get more money out of the customer.

The internet is not TV

We mustn't treat the internet like we treat cable, the idea that one day if the ISP wanted they could charge us for using websites like youtube even though you can already pay for Youtube Red and Youtube TV is just ridiculous. We already pay the m to use the internet and we do not want to give them the opportunity to scam the american people just to make themselves and their shareholders happy.

Final stance

In conclusion of this short essay i would like to make it very clear that i support strong net neutrality and i support the constitutional rights of my fellow americans and our future americans freedom of expression, press, and knowledge. I do not support the FCC's decision against net neutrality and believe that if this is put into place the government could lose the support of its people even more than it already has in light of recent events.

Thank you for reading my essay and thank you for taking the american people seriously and actually taking what we want into consideration rather than ignoring us and doing what you want.