

## Ajit Pai Needs to be Fired

Ajit Pai is the chairman of the FCC and is fighting to end internet neutrality and its title two classification as a utility. Ajit Pai did a massive amount of good from his time as a Verizon lawyer, so much good, that President Trump felt that he was worthy of promotion to chairman of the FCC. Pai is a pro big business, pro merger kind of man. This makes him the obvious choice to be the head of an independent agency of the United States government that's main job is creating regulations for communications providers. I believe that President Trump had the right idea in mind when he gave Ajit Pai the job as head of the FCC. Unfortunately, Pai has let our president down. Ajit Pai should be fired because he is going too soft on internet regulation and the FCC should be dissolved so the internet can become a completely privatized industry.

First and most importantly we must look at the state of our country, forget the deep divisions in ideology, forget healthcare, forget climate change, we as a nation are currently more than \$20.1 trillion dollars in debt (Amadeo). Can we as a nation really handle another debate topic when we are so deep in debt? I will argue that we are incapable. Who is capable though? Look at Ajit's former company Verizon. They annually profit around 75 million dollars according to NASDAQ (NASDAQ). Who better to run such a complex communications service such as the internet, then the companies that provide internet themselves? This whole process begins with the firing of Ajit Pai, he is failing the ISPs by not sticking it to the those people clamoring for a free internet. This process will continue with disbanding the entire FCC. This will help eliminate the national debt by cutting the salaries of 1,688 people (FCC). These people can then be hired at any company that provides communications, this will great for the companies because their new employees will have experience in the field. It will also benefit the new employees because they will now get to work for an entity that turns an annual profit which will create a better chance for increased salary.

Next, Ajit Pai must be fired and the entire FCC need to be dissolved. The government has enough on its plate as it is and needs to focus on more pertinent issues. We can put the future of the internet in the very capable hands of ISPS. The main problem with the net neutrality debate is how long it's taking. The discussions of internet freedom date back to the mid 90's. Disbanding the FCC and putting the future of the internet in the hands of ISPS eliminates this problem. ISPS are all in agreement of the internet being privatized. Putting the power in their hands will get the internet back on track to its more profitable future and will help the government focus on more pressing issues.

Also, keeping the internet fair and balanced for the majority of people is not being fair and balanced to ISPs. Keeping the internet under its Title 2 classification, may be fair to small businesses because it gives them a fighting chance, but it's not fair to ISPs who want run away with the competition. Keeping internet neutrality is fair to the average person because it gives them a voice for no cost, but it's unfair to ISPs who want to be able to charge consumers for their speech. Keeping the internet as a fair platform would benefit the vast majority of people because they want a fair internet. However, that would be unfair to ISPs whose opinions should matter as well. Ajit Pai's main interest is giving the ISPs a voice in the net neutrality debate. He believes their opinions are just as valid (if not more) as those who want a neutral internet. Ajit Pai does not have the consumers best interest in mind. He should be fired and a new chairman should be appointed because he is doing a poor job of regulating communications providers. He is enabling them to be a dominant force that can stand in the way of small businesses, creates a price tag for speech, and has a negative effect on the vast majority of people.

In conclusion, it is clear that Ajit Pai needs to be fired no matter what viewpoint is taken. Ajit losing his job and the FCC being dissolved is mutually beneficial to the government and the ex-FCC employees. Ajit being fired and appointing a new chairman is also beneficial because the FCC can remain an entity and a new chairman can serve its function by actually regulating

communications providers. Ajit Pai has failed our President, consumers, and ISPs and should be fired.