

I support Net Neutrality because in our society the internet, like electricity, is a necessity. It is fun yes. I love being able to find crafts on Etsy, which I would never have discovered if Internet Service Providers could favor Amazon or Ebay for **any** reason and yes, Facebook keeps me updated on the wellbeing of people I am physically separated from. But more than that, the access to various websites: various outlets for information, is integral to my education and my ability to search for information directly affects my ability to contribute to my nation and to the world. I would lose all this if ISPs were able to pick the “winners and losers” of the Internet. This doesn’t benefit most of America, only the large corporations lobbying for it and the people they have in their pocket. To put it simply, don’t fix something that isn’t broken. The internet is fine the way it is.

Also, when I buy internet access I am not purchasing a fast “ramp” on the internet or a “bundle” of websites or services. I am buying reliable access to **all** that the internet offers at fast speeds. Anything less than that is a robbery. It is scam and a crime against me.

Another note. If net neutrality were to be weakened (God forbid) it wouldn’t be a matter of simply switching to another ISP. There aren’t many options around here, by which I mean two or less, if you’re not picky. This isn’t choice, but the illusion of it because they do not offer the same service, nor competitive prices.

I do not believe that the anyone should have such a significant role in overseeing my access to the internet because that essentially translates to the control over the distribution of services and information. This is not the sign of a healthy democracy. In fact, it personally brings to mind a couple dystopian novels I’ve read about communist societies. It is also too much power put in the hands of the people when I can’t even trust them to have the cable fixing person show up at the time they said the cable person would. But I digress. I understand that you need to protect us from invasions of privacy, fraudulent billing and price gouging, but net neutrality is not in the interest of most of America. This policy does nothing to accomplish these goals. It only operates within the interest of these big service providers and the upper echelons of society: big businesses, rich people, etc. It is a deliberate effort to harm most Americans and line someone else’s pockets. I was under the impression that the FCC and our government were working with our best interest in mind, but if this passes I guess I’ll know that I was mistaken.

End note. Unedited. I am very tired and stressed. I am only alive because of the internet(as it is) and copious amounts of sugar. Long live the internet.