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I continue to be appalled at the RELATIVE decline of U.S. broadband service, vis-a-vis the rest of the industrialized world.

Parts of Redding--which at 85,000 to 100K is modest in size, but hardly tiny, nor deep rural. Yet, all DSL ports are taken, no line of site microwave access is available, no cable, etc.

Certainly this is not true for ALL of Redding, but it is true for significant portions of the town and zip code, including my address.

If the public policy (and I have an MPA in public policy) is to depress the economy in rural areas and to make sure that the U.S. continues to slip, then the public policy is working.