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Ending net neutrality would allow large corporate companies like Comcast, to hold an unfair advantage over all smaller companies. Comcast would be able to leverage their vast empire they hold over the internet to buy faster internet speeds and cripple smaller companies that cannot afford to pay for premium internet speeds. Net neutrality is the principal that internet service providers (Comcast) and governments should treat all data on the internet equally, not discriminating or charging differently by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, or mode of communication. "Neutrality proponents claim that telecom companies seek to impose a tiered service model in order to control the pipeline and thereby remove competition, create artificial scarcity, and oblige subscribers to buy their otherwise uncompetitive services. Many believe net neutrality to be primarily important as a preservation of current freedoms" (Lawrence Lessig). Companies such as Comcast intend to slow internet for their own capital gain. It is the same principal of an oil company monopolizing every gas tank in the US and controlling price at the pump for their own capital gain. "Examples of net neutrality violations include when the internet service provider, Comcast, intentionally slowed peer-to-peer communications. In 2007, one other company was using deep packet inspection to discriminate against peer-to-peer, file transfer protocol, and online games, instituting a cell-phone style billing system of overages, free-to-telecom value added services, and bundling" (Peter Svensson). If we were to willingly give up net neutrality, we are willingly giving deep pocket companies like Comcast the go ahead to bully small companies out of standard internet speeds and even out of existence. Comcast can leverage their billions of USD and eliminate any competition eliminating necessary free market competition which allows for competitive internet provider rates affordable. If that does not sound like a monopoly I do not know what does.

Thank you,

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