

Net Neutrality is essential for democracy

I am sick and tired of having to fight for what is rightfully ours (the American people). Congress granted cable and telecom companies special privileges and tax breaks etc. and they were supposed to build the infrastructure to carry broadband for everyone. Instead, mostly all they did is jack up their rates and provide less service. Contrary to what we are told or tend to believe, America lags far behind other countries in providing broadband access to all it's citizens...and we pay too much.

The telecoms with the help of the congress and FCC (?) pushed through legislation prohibiting municipalities from providing wi-fi to their citizens. So we have been sold out and betrayed at both ends!

Enough already. We demand high speed access which we pay for to each, every and any site we choose to visit, the ACLU or the KKK, Aljazeera or FOX. ALL OF IT. This garbage about "clogging the pipes" is pure bull. What they want is to be able to control information and that is antithetical to a free society. If you give them their way, there will be nothing to stop the owners of the infrastructure from deciding which sites I can even see, let alone how fast they display. That's how it is in China, which suits the telecoms and cable companies just fine! When private companies can control information they control opinion and policy...that's basically the definition of fascism. It is up to YOU to keep the internet a place where the exchange of information and ideas is completely unrestricted. If that limits the profits of some to merely ASTRONOMICAL instead of obscene, well, too bad. Aren't they supposed to INVEST their profits in the infrastructure in exchange for being given the right to run their cables over our land and to use our airwaves? That WAS the plan.

I wish I could say that you should remember who pays your salaries: the American Taxpayer who wants a free and open internet...but unfortunately, if past experience is any guide, most of you will end up working for a telecom or some such entity if you do their bidding. How about standing up for American Citizens for a change? Isn't doing what's RIGHT worth anything anymore?