

Unfair competitive advantage

Internet providers should NOT be able to influence which web sites are fastest. If they could, then only the companies with more money could be able to afford the extra speed on their sites, and this would give them an UNFAIR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE.

Such an arrangement would also encourage internet providers to let the "slow" lines deteriorate in an effort to force companies to pay for better lines.

The upshot: allowing internet providers to determine the speed at which consumers can access particular sites would:

- 1) Harm the consumer -- they would not as easily be able to determine all of their options.
- 2) Stifle free speech.
- 3) Give more affluent companies an unfair competitive advantage.