

Corporate control of Internet will ruin education!

Net Neutrality is essential to free speech, equal opportunity and economic innovation in America. Since the FCC removed this basic protection in 2005, the top executives of phone and cable companies have stated their intention to become the Internet's gatekeepers and to discriminate against Web sites that don't pay their added tolls.

As a student, Net Neutrality is extremely important. The Internet has become an essential research tool for everything from term papers to job opportunities. If corporate control of the Internet became a reality how could we be certain any of the information we find on the internet is without bias? Worse yet, would researching a subject the companies that come to control the Internet have a sour opinion of even be possible or would all information on the subject regulated or blocked? And what of searching for opportunities: if AT&T, for example, were to control one's Internet activity would finding a job at an opposing telecommunications company be allowed? I shutter to think.

And this is not even to mention the social/political implications that would result from a loss of Net Neutrality. I could write an essay on how such a loss could effect my social life alone, but I'm sure that you're receiving plenty of e-mails on such a subject, so I'll leave those points to others.