

An Open Internet Encourages a Free Market

I use the Internet on a daily basis both for many things that all affect my life as a whole and the lives of those I interact with. I use the Internet for job related functions such as communicating with clients, searching for and researching new vendors purchasing equipment and supplies and e-commerce.

I also have a business of my own selling previously owned and collectible books as well as selling my personal branded artwork, marketing that brand and running a design business selling process solutions and performing client-based freelance work. My company also sells physical and software based products.

The Internet is helpful to me personally for communicating with friends and family, finding new movies and music (by purchasing CDs and DVDs I wouldn't find anywhere else), reading blogs, writing on blogs, participating in hobby groups, researching subjects of personal interest and playing video games with friends.

All of these things would be near-impossible without the Internet.

Our society and economy has experienced a great boom due to the Internet thanks to the lack of borders and companies now having the ability to reach new customers regardless of where they live. People communicate in new ways, sharing more stories, photos and home movies, keeping the ties of friends and family strong.

Think about yourselves and how the ways YOU access the Internet would change with this discrimination. Do you read blogs on subjects you enjoy or help you with your decisions, be they personal or work-related? This change doesn't just affect us, the consumers, it affects you, the policy makers and business owners too. The Internet would change for EVERYONE, not just a handful of people.

Allowing discrimination on the Internet would take away the sea of information brought to every home and business. The Internet is one of the greatest inventions of our modern era. Don't squander this human achievement over money. Losing the Internet we know today will have devastating effects on the world of tomorrow. A comparison could almost be made between discriminating the Internet and burning the Library of Alexandria. How much further ahead could we have been, as a people, had that library not been destroyed because a few were jealous of information and education?

Don't destroy our key to knowledge.

Defend your right to that information.

Defend it for your children and their education.

Defend it for me.

Defend it for us.

Thought the below two paragraphs are pre-written, I do agree with what they have to say. Please, take a minute and read these words. Think about what they say and how it affects you personally.

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.

This fundamental change would end the open Internet as we know it. It would damage my ability to connect with others, share information and participate in our 21st century democracy and economy. The FCC must ensure that broadband providers do not block, interfere with or discriminate against any lawful Internet traffic based on its ownership, source or destination.