

The internet Gives a Voice to Common Folks

I am an illustrator, environmentalist and educator. The rise of the internet has made it possible for me to join in the conversations in these areas and meet and work with people all over the world. I get to choose which content I believe. I get to research views that are new to me and determine for myself their validity. This has broadened my awareness and made me better able to participate in the future of humanity. Corporate interests and big business have been trying to corner this incredible innovation for the profit motive. This would be a tragedy. Everyone needs a voice and a connection, that should never be surrendered to the profit motive. A free market requires a free consumer. This is a choice between the expansion and evolution of a strong and dynamic human race or a money controlled aristocracy keeping us in check. It is a no brainer to me. The information below represents my view and the view hundreds of the people with whom I am communicating on the internet.

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.