

Phone and Cable Companies Out of Control

Phone and Cable companies already have an oligopoly on communications systems. They provide marginal services at premium prices and make huge profits already. My colleagues and business associates in other countries tell me that they get better service at lower cost. The phone and cable companies cannot be trusted to provide Net Neutrality. They cannot be trusted to continue to employ U.S. citizens, either. 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.