

## Teacher's Network

I teach history. I don't teach (for example) deodorant brands; I do teach for a few minutes a year how deodorant first got branded, used, sold, became fashionable and began to be sold at every price point despite the fact that the ingredients are all the same. I also teach (at greater length) the history of how we learned to tax ourselves, regulate our industries, and how we got into and out of our wars. Considering how much I need to inform young people about, my production budget is extraordinarily low. Even journalists have larger ones; and of course, the biggest of all production budgets goes to the people who want to brand and sell things like deodorants. The arrival of the internet was a godsend that gave my teacherly production budget far more bang for the buck. And now the FCC wants to give away that awesome utility back to the sellers of deodorant? On the grounds, no doubt, that more deodorant will be sold and the GDP enhanced?

What about the public good? What about the public interest in equality of citizenship? Why can't we put the future character and understanding of our children before any concerns about how we smell?

Yo, FCC, you regulate common carriers, using publicly-owned airwaves, in the public interest. Obey the Communications Act of 1934 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and do your job.

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.