

Please Put Citizens before Corporations

Okay, I have seen programs on T.V. (which was already lost to them!) about how terrible the internet is, because of pornography or World of Warcraft or dating networks where people are more fake than the pictures they show of themselves on the profile. But what would privatizing the internet do to help alleviate these problems? Surely there are problems with the internet; but there are problems with democratic processes, there are problems with romantic relationships, there are problems with friends and with family. Any place where you let people freely interact as equals, it will lead to a scuffle or two. But just because of the inherent risk, you don't rally behind a dictator, become a bitter old man or live in a hole! And you don't give the internet to corporations, because it doesn't belong to them and because they don't deserve it. Show them no privilege.

Because all websites are currently equal, I have the ability to gather a variety of information on whatever topics I like, regardless of whether or not they're useful to phone companies. How can any of us be informed, when AT&T or Verizon can determine what websites we should and shouldn't see? Please don't make our country look just a little bit more like China. I promise that I can determine what I want to look at better than a private tyranny.

So therefore I implore you to act in the interests of the 1.5 million concerned citizens banging at your door...and not in the interests of the couple dozen corporations whose advertising might shoot slightly higher if they get their way. Why do they deserve the internet? And how will they help the problems it faces? Please act in the interests of your fellow citizens, and preserve Net Neutrality!