

The Internet evolved to its current ubiquitous state because all websites are treated equally. WWW sites are used by big business, small business, and by individuals as a way to exercise their free speech. Many small businesses built their business model on the internet, and changing the rules of the game at such a fundamental level will directly impact their bottom lines; additionally, how many niche businesses such as google or ebay would never have gotten started if the market were anti-competitive? On a personal level, throttling speeds will affect my personal websites as well as the websites I visit every day.

There was no contract written when the Internet evolved, it was and still is to a large degree the wild west. However for telcos to turn back the clock at this point and start asking for bribes to sustain the same level of bandwidth amounts to extortion.

Network Neutrality will keep small business, big business, and individuals on a level playing field. If you do not vote for network neutrality you will tip the playing field toward not just big business in general, but telcos specifically. Telcos have no reason to self-moderate their fees because they are near-monopolies.

Please vote for network neutrality.