

While deregulation of net neutrality may have benefits, the dangers to democracy far outweigh the benefits.

The internet is about democracy. It's about having voices heard. Allowing companies to treat packets differently based on (fill in the blank) can mean turning down or shutting off the voices of the people... the people for whom which this government works. While many packets are used for fun and entertainment, there are a lot of packets used for information and for political purposes. Packet filtering has the very serious potential to limit or turn off that flow. Political discourse is by far REQUIRED by the constitution. Packet filtering deregulation would step on freedom of speech. Speech is not for those whom can pay. It's for everyone. Being complicate with the deregulation means the government is at the key point to limit the freedom of speech, which is against the law.

For example, the internet is like a library. What would happen if libraries filtered information based on the ability to pay or some other variable? That idea is a direct violation of what libraries stand for. You wouldn't want a library to not give you a book because you were Asian or because you didn't have the money to buy access.

That said, net neutrality has brought us to where we are. The ability for providers to kill new and innovative technology base on the internet is only going to hurt the market in the long run. What would have happened if the providers had limited access to google during its formative years? The internet wouldn't be thesame.

Packet filtering is a form of monopoly/oligopoly that forces worse service at a higher price. Just look at Microsoft. In this way the internet is a utility requiring government intervention to stop bad things from happening. The internet enables the market. We wouldn't want deregulation to hurt such an important market space by striking at the heart of how the internet works.

Lastly, net neutrality forces better service as packets are used in different ways. Enabling packets that can do video will help all the other packets with speed, service, and reliability.

Upgrading parts of the internet based on packets means hurting all the other packets. providers would have no incentive to upgrade all but the infrastructure that handle a specific packet. No net neutrality only allows bad business practices to take hold. So, please bring back net neutrality. It is a "very good thing."

