

I just want to give my short two cents on this Net Neutrality issue being debated on and off before Congress.

I don't like large amounts of government regulation, but in this case the Internet has become such a vital utility to a large majority of Americans (I'm a Web Developer at a university, so my career IS the Internet) that it should be regulated for the general public's protection, the same way other utilities are regulated. Just regulate it until it has more time to mature as a technology so that the dual-monopoly (cable/DSL) has a chance to be broken up by market forces. Otherwise, if Net Neutrality ends, and cable/DSL companies start implementing Quality of Service controls on packet delivery, we the consumers will have no choice but to buy into their tiered pricing system, without any real alternatives.

Again, regulate it until it matures in the general public some more (the beginning of widespread public use of the Internet was less than 15 years ago), then turn it loose (deregulate it).

Again - I'm not going to give you tons of technical or economic reasons - I'm just going on 1) past corporate history (Standard Oil, Enron, etc.) and 2) a gut feeling. Enforce Net Neutrality until real, viable, sustainable options for consumers come along.