

Destroy Free Speech, Free Enterprise forever

Ladies and Gentleman,

Technology will prevail, eventually. But in the meantime, how do we keep worldwide communication open?

What would the Founding Fathers say about this?

How about something along the lines:

"Equal Access for All."

The Internet is a basic component to the growth and development of human kind. The free exchange of thought, ideas, and expression is the root of a True Democracy. If the Founding Fathers knew what we were doing, they'd be turning in their graves.

Regardless of what other countries try to censor the Internet is an evolving place of ideas, goods, services, and one of the single greatest facilitators of communication ever created.

Keeping it open does not mean that the Corporations cannot build their own. If we aspire to operate in a truly Free Market then Corporations are more than welcome to create content, self serving markets, and infrastructure to woo people to their creations.

The Corporations problem is that a paradigm shift is kicking the legs out from underneath them and they're trying to use OUR GOVERNMENT to protect their self-serving interests.

What if the Swiss had managed to stop the creation of the Quartz watch?

What if U.S. Farmers had stopped the Industrial revolution?

The Motto of Free Enterprise in this country is "If you build it they will come...if the market is interested."

Keeping the Internet Neutral does not preclude the Corporations from building their own Net. Let them, but they cannot touch the existence, access to, nor purpose of the Internet as it stands today.

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.

We've paid for the development, maintenance, and growth of the internet through fees, taxes and exorbitant payments to the phone and cable companies.

It is time that the world has a global network free from the tyranny of the Global Gate Keepers.