

I can't believe this could happen.

Net Neutrality is a necessary safeguard in 21st century methods of communication. Personally as a student, it amazes me that large telecommunication companies would lobby so adamantly to overprice more of their customers. The internet was such an amazing resource for my high school education and I can't imagine that I wouldn't be able to utilize the full spectrum of information that is available now. Just to think that a large company like Encyclopedia Britannica or Encarta could pay a premium to certain ISPs to block free information like Wikipedia is so counterproductive to the age of information that we live in today, and I feel it would be a tremendously large step backward in the education of our general culture.

Even in the sense of entertainment, think of how many companies would be at the mercy of telecommunication corporations: Yahoo!, Google, YouTube, eBay, craigslist are the large ones, but what about subscription services? For subscription services like World of Warcraft, a \$15 charge per month suddenly jumping to \$30 because of an extra charge to get your ISP to let you access their servers would ruin their business. Letting ISPs roam free and dictate internet usage would effectively revert America back to 1997. Except every American has already had a taste of what is in store for the future, and they won't take anything less.

Failing to preserve net neutrality would be a huge mistake.