

Latest ruling on internet neutrality is BULL

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.

This issue is fundamentally about letting the cable companies to find a source of revenue without actually earning it. I guess the old saying, "to make money you have to spend money." no longer applies. You can bet that our country will drop a few more notches in the bandwidth rankings in the next year. Pathetic.

This is just another example of a public institution siding with business interests over the best interests of the people. This will just cause lobbyists to come into Washington and get more regulation, either case is a win for large corporations (either AT&T/Verizon, or Google/Yahoo) and a loss for American people. What we need to do is get rid of the corporate oligarchy that America is currently experiencing and go to a truly free market where there are no large corporations spewing their money into the government and getting what they want.

They say this will allow for new services and improved services, right? Well, why not let their precious free market sort that one out, too? Remember when isp's charged for the time you were online? They went bye bye because a few realized it was pointless and all it did was make them lose very unhappy customers. The middlemen charging tiered access fees is hijacking the free market, not opening it. This is all sickness and doublespeak. Don't buy it, it's crap.

Everyone has to play by rules. It's not a free market if you get rid of all the rules, it's anarchy. But when WE still have to follow rules, it's just corruption. Just because you live in a free country doesn't mean you can do anything you want. Net neutrality is one of the important rules, but the problem is that a lot of people think they understand it but do not.

Let me create for you a sample chat between an ISP and a website...

ISP to website owner: Hi there, I see your new site is generating a lot of traffic. Congratulations, now we want you to pay us \$1000 monthly so that people can be assured they have easy access to your

site.

Website owner: This is extortion.

ISP: No no no, you see we are simply telling you that you need to pay us so that things don't "happen" with your website. We call it "web insurance".

That is what it will come down to in layman's terms.