

How I'm stuck with mediocre internet

Well I've been an avid web user since the get go. I started using it back in 96 when it was just starting out. I'm also an experience web developer who has been making sites since the late 90s. I find your position on this issue to be an insult to the entire internet and to the free market.

Net Neutrality to me is not about destroying competition at all! Its about protecting it. While on the top you think that the telecom companies are getting screwed, that is simply not the case. Instead what they are doing is providing users with the services they promised and they are free to compete with other companies all they want even with Net Neutrality. Whats important is protecting the users and giving them free competition.

Let me give you a couple examples to better explain how I feel about this issue and why your lack of concern concerns the entire tech industry in this country. The railroads years ago had a similar problem. There was a company called the Pacific Railroad who controlled all the rail lines going to the west. So what did they do? They charged anyone who wanted to use the railroad more if it wasn't their product being transferred. In affect they created a monopoly of transport goods. Congress stepped in and changed this. They required the same rate to be charged no matter who was transporting.

Don't follow? Let me provide another example. Roads are open to the public and provided by the government in most cases where we need them to get to public facilities. There are private roads but only those that go to private property. The same should be true for the internet. We should all be able to get to the same places like everyone else without have to pay more or being restricted to going to the sites that the private company wants us to. Could you imagine paying a fee every single day just to drive down the interstate? What if congressmen started shouting that the Interstates is socialist garbage and we should transfer ownership to someone who would charge us astronomical fees to use them...

Of course the telecom companies are gonna complain about not being able to get higher profit margins. Thats what corporations do and we all know that. The reality is they shouldn't be selling such a product if they want to monopolize in the way they suggest. If they don't want to provide a fair product that allocates its usage like railroads or paved streets then that product should be transfered to the government.

You the FTC are in a unique position to protect this fundamental right. Indeed that is why we have a government in the first place. If we did everything free market style across the board then things would be chaotic. Government exists for this reason! This is the primary reason all together for why you as a commission exist. If you guys don't do anything you might as well request congress shut you

down and go home since I don't think tax payers want to pay a bunch of people to sit around and never take action.

I don't have any interest in using an internet that makes my content slower because I don't have billions to pay off greedy CEOs. Instead if net neutrality is ignored and such an internet takes off you will find myself as well as others leaving this country and moving to other places where the rights are protected.

Don't think that we are just a fringe group either. This represents millions of American's views. Infact the minority in this debate is the telecom companies that you protect! Why do you think even other big corporations stand with us and not these telecom companies. Isn't it odd that they stand alone with the exception of you... Everyone I have discussed this subject with in my life has agreed that Net Neutrality makes the most sense. So much sense that some of the brightest minds in this country who work at companies like Google agree as well.

So whats the consequences of inaction? Possibly nothing... at least for now. It also could be the most costly mistake this country ever makes. It could force the most profitable booming industry in the country to have to move elsewhere to places that don't hold the same mantra as these telecom companies. I can tell you that the day my ISP starts charging me extra for visiting the sites I choose will be the day I file for citizenship and a work Visa to Canada.

So its up to you whether you want to take responsibility for the end of the US internet as we know it and if you want to help send us into the dark ages.