

Why Net Neutrality is Important to America

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.

I personally run my own blogging site and realize that removing Net Neutrality would only hurt my chances of improving readership, not increase it.

Sadly, the Internet is like the class system of America. Back in the early ages of America during the 1780s/1800s, along with the start of the internet, everyone had an equal chance to excel, to succeed in life. Good marketers or farmers made more money than those with less skill. Likewise the best internet sites (Yahoo, Netscape, MSN) grew because they provided the best service. But, EVERYONE had an equal chance to make it big, to do the best that they could do.

Without Net Neutrality, you bring the Internet to (sadly) the current American class system. The rich get richer and suppress the poor as they grow poorer, with the middle class in the center trying to balance it all. It's wrong. It doesn't work. Why would it work for the internet? All you are doing is allowing the popular sites to get more and more access (making them richer) but hurting the little guy from even trying to make it in life.

Essentially, you are corrupting the fundamental idea of this country, of its people: that no matter your background, age, race, or gender, you can make it in this world with hard work.

Now, you can only make it if you are rich.

It's wrong. It's greedy. It's destroying our country. And while it might seem like a great idea now, it won't be when it comes back and bites.

Destroying this last remaining freedom in return for money is wrong, destroying a fundamental idea for greed is immoral, and destroying a country's reputation over your own selfishness is not justified and definitely has the founding fathers rolling in their graves.

I hope you realize this past your own gain and look at this situation in terms of what AMERICANS want, not what you want.