

The Internet: A Vital Source of News

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. The Internet is quickly becoming a news medium that is often superior to conventional media (television, newspapers, etc.). Newspapers, magazines, and television nowadays are driven largely by what they believe will entertain people, rather than inform them. Because blogging is an extremely low-cost endeavor, bloggers are free from commercial considerations that have all but destroyed traditional news media. Bloggers who are expert journalists, historians, economists, lawyers, or other professionals, often seem better informed than do many journalists in corporate-run media.

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.