

Net Neutrality is a symbol of Democracy

The IP architecture that enables neutrality and equality of rank online was conceived upon the principle that each iota of communication has equal significance and autonomy, worth upholding. It is a representation of the democratic ideals that this country enshrines. To demolish this bastion through abrogation of Net Neutrality would be an act that erodes at the foundations of what makes our country strong. The US will forever retain its prominence so long as it protects the value and potential of each individual, in every new situation that arises.

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.