

Limitation opposes Internet principles

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.

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The concept of the internet as a cornucopia of information, and its existence as a web of connected knowledge is inherently threatened by the suggestion that access to any of that could be limited. If corporations were to take control of web access and load times, creating a hierarchy of information transfer speed based on how well the company was paid or whether the company agreed with the website itself would destroy the equality and neutrality upon which unbiased access to information is based.

Clearly, no source of information is unbiased, but with a large enough sample, a large enough collection of information, it is possible to come closer to the truth. Any form of limitation, especially those instated by corporate control of access to the information itself, negates the websurfer's ability to access a large enough sample or collection of sources. Protect Net Neutrality, do not blind and misinform us.