

Video Producing Career On Hold

I'm a 26 year old amateur video producer and for the past years have enjoyed the freedom of transmitting some of my personal projects using an internet protocol known as "bittorrent" to others in my field and have made somewhat of a name for myself. In the past months my ISP (Comcast) has decided to purposefully block all bittorrent transmissions. Since I first started using the internet when it was still in its infancy this is the first time I have ever heard of an ISP blocking any service.

The Internet is world-wide, a place where people from all countries and cultures can cultivate knowledge and enjoy equal rights and freedoms but the actions taken here by Comcast are a direct attack on the freedoms of American citizens. I am not sure if this is an attempt to save bandwidth or hamper internet piracy but it is directly removing the freedoms from many individuals who use the internet and bittorrent for completely legal purposes.

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.