

If it aint/isn't broke don't fix it

The Internet has functioned perfectly well under the overall neutral regime that has held since it was created. Non-tiered free and open flat fee access has worked very well and has ensured that everyone from large businesses to every individual overall has a pretty much "level playing field" in which to work, be creative, do research and business and play.

Other tiered and restricted networks that preceded and existed concurrently with the early internet have pretty much faded away because they did not work as well and did not provide as much functionality and benefit as the Internet did and still does.

This openness is what has led to the US being the leader in the development and expansion of the Internet. It also allowed innovation to spring from many unlikely sources. For example the World Wide Web came from a research institute as a free and open for communicating, it was not developed as a commercial project of some large telecommunication firm.

The Neutral and Open structure often called "Net Neutrality" also is an essential part of free speech and has done more for spreading American Values and Prestige throughout the world than large scale commercial projects which overall have failed and have in fact damaged reputation in the world overall.

My own project called "Weather Distance Learning" which endeavors to teach meteorology and other earth sciences along with creating technically and generally literate youth as a side effect would be negatively impacted in any highly tiered system.

Thank You Very Much,

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General Blurb Message I agree with:

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.