

In the past few years my cable company has blocked ports that I needed to access my email on my own hosted server. They have outgoing spam filters that block legitimate email. Other cable companies are proposing blocking key sites (Hulu and other TV over internet sites) unless you are paying for cable TV. My cable company quietly slipped in a data cap (when bandwidth limitations already cap the maximum amount of data you can use) which may interfere with my online TV/Movie viewing through services such as Netflix, Hulu etc.

Meanwhile DSL the only viable competitor has so many rules stacked up because it's a Telcom providing the service that they are not as price competitive. My cable company is my ISP. DSL gives me options on my ISP. I know this is because Cable isn't regulated the same way as phones. However reality is that I have only one wired cable company and only one wired phone company, and the rules give the cable company a huge advantage while they slowly strip away full internet access.