

Isn't it ironic that other commenters support these rules because they believe that the government can somehow keep the internet free and fair? Government intervention is by definition unfree and unfair! The Internet is the last bastion of a truly free market, and it has transformed the way we do business and express ourselves. The notion that all people are entitled to all things is a ludicrous extension of the belief in equality. Free people are not all equal and equal people are not all free. This is a fantasy which gives rise to the belief that somehow government rules can enforce fairness in an unfair world out some sense of social justice. It's as if everyone has a natural right to fast video, unlimited content, and ultimate Internet freedom. None of this makes any sense at all! The Internet is composed of a huge series of content creators, service providers, access providers, distributors, hardware and software companies. All of these entities cooperate voluntarily to maintain the networks that compose the Internet because it is in their best interest. They sell their services in commercial transactions and develop rules that best protect their self-interest, and that of their customers. To date, there has not been a single case which illustrates the need for government rules to "protect" us from them. Americans gladly pay for the privilege of Internet access and all the goods and services one can purchase online. The laws of fraud and theft are enforced on the Internet just as they are in the physical world. Copyrights are protected, criminals prosecuted, and security is in place to prevent tampering. It is not foolproof, just like a bank or store, but we do not assume that every person has a right to a certain brand of shoes or a certain size of house. We do not force builders to provide equal houses or shoes to every customer.

In the end, the government can and should not dictate to users or providers of Internet access what they can and can not do, what they can and can not purchase, not question the manner in which it is provided. Excepting cases of fraud, deceit, or theft, the government simply has no business in regulating the Internet. Net neutrality is a thinly-veiled attempt at getting the federal claws into yet another area where it can unduly exert control in the name of "protecting" us from imagined threats. Leave the Internet alone. It's working just fine without your help.