

Our nation's founding fathers rightly feared the power of government to censor free speech, and wrote the first amendment to the constitution to prevent this. They did not foresee the power that media corporations would have to affect the same control, by squeezing out small constituencies and protesting voices. Freedom on the internet is as critical to modern democracy as freedom of the press was 200 years ago. The FCC must protect our heritage of free exchange of ideas by preventing ISPs from playing favorites among providers. This protection must be like the first amendment -- a clean, bright line, with no loopholes, gray areas or wiggle room. "Almost" free isn't free at all.