

Public money created the lion's share of the Internet. Government regulation of ISP fees to content providers has allowed the Internet to exponentially expand as a center of commerce and a marketplace of ideas. Private giants controlling this public commons for profit is the short road to a huge cultural and economic loss. Despite their ballyhoo, ISPs are not the sole hope for the future development of Internet infrastructure. If hardware owners corral Internet usage for a short-term bottom line, everyone, including those owners, will lose the incalculable, value-added potential of exploding market dynamics.