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Fiction: "Net Neutrality will defeat efforts to close America's digital divide."

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Fact: There's evidence that Net Neutrality encourages buildout

AT&T and Comcast claim that unless they can discriminate online, they won't be able to close the broadband gap. But history shows otherwise. During the two years that AT&T operated under Net Neutrality rules, required as part of its BellSouth merger, the company recorded gross profits of more than \$140 billion. In those same years, AT&T invested billions to build out networks and reach new communities. When the Net Neutrality conditions expired, AT&T reduced its investment.

Quote:

"The reasoning [of Net Neutrality detractors] seems to be that if we give broadband providers the legal authority to discriminate on content, which will allow them to increase their profits, they will suddenly become benevolent and invest in expanding their networks or lower broadband prices. The reasoning is just not borne out by reality. These companies... haven't " except when forced " made broadband more affordable for poorer communities."

" James Rucker, ColorofChange.org