

Before the FCC decided to pursue Net Neutrality protections, Fox News Channel's Glenn Beck warned his audience that the government was "trying to take over the media." Beck later said that Net Neutrality would "wildly affect your life and free speech" by forcing a "Marxist utopia" on the Internet. Net Neutrality ensures everyone has an opportunity to be heard. The founders of the Internet built it with open standards to ensure that everyone with a connection could communicate with everyone else online. This basic Net Neutrality principle turned the Internet into an essential forum for free speech. Without the FCC stepping in to protect the free-flowing Web, Internet service providers have an incentive to decide whose voices are more important and whose views won't be heard.