

David Sutphen, co-chair of the AT&T-funded Internet Innovation Alliance, says that Net Neutrality is a "distraction" that "only concerns those already online." Sutphen calls Net Neutrality rules "divisive new regulations," which could have "unintended consequences" for those seeking to bridge the digital divide.

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 a condition its merger with BellSouth, 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.