

An open internet is so incredibly important in being able to access information that is not controlled by the mainstream media or the Propagandizers as I call them. If we allow them to control the pathways I may no longer be able to even get to certain sites that I visit on a daily basis for information about my government, including sites like [www.savetheinternet.com](http://www.savetheinternet.com) that keep me informed about these types of changes that will further turn our government into a fascist regime or a corptocracy as some call it because I will not have access to sites that give me the information I need to contact my elected representatives. We've already given up the airwaves many years ago to corporate interests and now we see that we have ratings controlled news as opposed to news that may not be sensationalistic but has serious implications in the structure of our Republic.

We don't see that important news at various levels of government because it may threaten advertising revenues or advertiser's interests and as a result we are playing the ratings game and see only the news that advertisers are willing to pay for leaving the American public in the dark and causing them to become apathetic towards their government because they feel that they are out of the loop; only finding out important information after the decisions have already been made.

Most Americans aren't even aware of the changes that have happened as a result of the Patriot Act. Which while it sounds like a good thing, in reality when you dig into the law itself you soon find that it threatens our constitutional rights in many areas.

Without the internet being free and open these documents may be put onto connections that have the lowest priority which ultimately will cause them to even disappear from search listings due to lack of people being able to access them. But even assuming that they continue to appear on search listings the content provider may be extorted into paying an additional fee to insure their site does show in the search listings. As we know consumer information, protection or advocacy is not an area that has the money to compete against the corporate interests of K St and handing over the internet to Corporate America is akin to creating K St on the internet.

So a person deciding to start a new business making candles will be expected to pay a premium or rent a spot on the K St of the internet to insure that search results contain their website; without that rental the business will be doomed from day 1. Assuming that these mom & pop businesses are guaranteed a search listing, the ability to access the site can be hampered as well by directing traffic through advertisements to competitors like Yankee Candle Company or any candle company that has the money to payoff the corporate cops that will determine the rents on the new K St of the internet.

What would our country be without free access roads to each and every home on a block? It's a ridiculous thought because it would be disastrous but Net Neutrality is exactly the same thing, guaranteeing access to our home or our neighbors home. Without that guarantee those people that

no longer have direct access to their homes are now more at risk of dying prematurely because EMS cannot get to them as easily as the person that has direct access to their home. Most of us have already seen certain domains that in exchange for hosting information for free require us to go through a page of an advertisement before being able to get to the site we desire. But these sites currently aren't displaying competitors ads but usually an ad for their hosting services so they are self-interest advertisements. But in an internet controlled my Corporate America we may find not only that there are too many advertisements as has happened to the television but that the use of the internet!

will be so encumbered by advertising that it will become worthless and abandoned by most and probably result in an internet completely devoid of commercial interest.

I don't know how else I can impress the importance of maintaining the current ownership structure in place which isn't perfect but is a lot better than the alternative of constructing the K St of the internet.