

I rely on the Internet as a free and open, culturally and geographically unbounded space for diverse, uncensored news and opinion, self-directed education, participation in political debate and activism, business research and communication, social connectivity, and entertainment that is not debased to the lowest common denominator.

The US ISP market -- broadband in particular -- is heavily concentrated, both economically and geographically, and most players are insulated from significant competitive threats. This gives them major leeway for engaging in anti-consumer practices without fear of repercussions. Additionally, dominant ISPs already have or are seeking to acquire interests in media content and competing means of delivery (such as cable TV, cellular, and POTS). This is a classic anti-competitive scheme that cries out for anti-trust enforcement (e.g., mandated break-ups and spin-offs) and/or regulation in the public interest. ISPs must **not** be permitted to control, censor, or interfere with Internet traffic on the basis of content, ownership, origin, routing, destination, or protocol. Traffic management, if and when necessary, must be done neutrally pursuant to guidelines set by an independent agency acting in the public interest. To the extent the FCC is able to maintain a degree of independen!

ce from the telecoms, it is is the obvious candidate for this task.

Please reclassify broadband as a "telecommunications service" and keep the Internet open and free of corporate gatekeepers.