

I do not consider open internet an essential part of my life, I consider open internet a CRUCIAL TOOL FOR HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT WORLD WIDE. This attitude of "Your Life" "Our Internet" is in the same line as AT&T, Comcasts, and other megacorps trying to "own" the internet.

Imagine if you will that megacorps were allowed to tell gold prospectors when and where to mine for gold in the 1800's. How much they could mine and what the costs of that mining would be to them. Our infamous gold rush would have been a gold crawl. The west would have taken much much longer to settle and build up under the profiting schemes of controlling companies.

It is of no surprise that the internet is common referred to as "The Wild West". As companies try and strangle the progress of the internet, so they are also strangling themselves. Their short sighted goals of capitalizing on first world nations, forgot that many 3rd world nations will soon have access to the internet and countless millions of unknown/recognized users will flood our digital bee hive.

Beyond money and beyond control... there lies the underlying principle that all Men (women) are created equal, should have equal access to clean water, healthy food, and above all... Knowledge. The internet can and will unite the planet, dispel lies and educate the ignorant. It is a tool first to be used to help us out of the dark ages, and a toy second, to earn people money, waste our times and lives as we see fit.

Too often the true meaning of the internet is cast aside for fades like Facebook or Match.com. This tool was designed to spread knowledge from one school of thought to another. Let the tool do its job. I utterly DEPEND on the internet for education, knowledge, unbiased news from around the world as well as utterly biased news from around the world.

The open internet is not an essential part of my life... it's an integral part of our world and no one or any company can claim to own/control it any more than we can claim to own particular drops of water in the Oceans.

The FCC must protect Net Neutrality much like we would protect any access to a vital resource at home or abroad.

When war threatens our oil reserves... we send troops.

When poachers threaten our food stocks... we send troops.

When companies disrespectfully and illegally pollute our world, we send lawyers.

When entire countries do something that hurts the world, the UN steps in and corrects them.

How is it that this world resource, the internet, can even be considered as a "private" endeavor. Furthermore, how can any company claim to hold stake on ALL domestic and foreign soils to

anything? Especially something as dynamic as the internet. As a web developer I create the Internet. As a host I serve the Internet. As a point of presence I connect others to the Internet. How can a company claim to own my labor, my effort, my hardware, these donations to the public, how can they claim to own that? I've worked for these companies, and they've paid me for this efforts previously, why now do they feel the need to own them?

More importantly, how can you, the FCC, claim to control all these things yet are willing to let companies take that from you? Exploit and extort the population of the earth for the specific gain of a few investors. Do you think the world stage will respect that? Do you think 3rd world countries care about profit lines when they want information on how to irrigate their farms to feed their starving people?

The FCC must act now to protect this vital worldly resource.

The FCC must act before it is removed from their control and a civil war breaks out as alternative "Internets" crop up to replace this hole, the void your lack of control will create.

The public created the internet, and the public will take it back. They may own the copper but they do not own the knowledge, the data contained and flowing on and around the internet.

Humans will always communicate, the question is, under what guise will the "Federal Communication Commission" operate when communication is held by private companies? Save the internet, save yourselves.

Sincerely and seriously,

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