

The internet is important... to everybody. It should be granted the same protection as newspapers, news on television, and other media outlets. The internet grants us all the ability to have our voice heard, and use our right to free speech to keep the government, companies, and individuals in check. As an information portal, the internet grants us all an indexed, searchable, and infinite library that can help to educate anybody in the world better than any other source.

The power of the internet exists because it is controlled by the people that use it. It IS a telecommunication service, and thus, should be controlled by the FCC as such. If complete control is handed over to those that provide access to the internet, a monopoly of information will be created. A monopoly that will be controlled, molded, then wielded by those in power as they see fit. If you do not believe this will happen, take a look around, it already is. Google has been caught lowering pageranks, YouTube has been caught messing with the number of views a video has had, Myspace has been caught deleting blogs that speak negatively of Myspace. If service providers are able to do these things now... what will they do/control when they have ultimate and undisclosed control of what is on the internet? Not only should the FCC protect the internet as a telecommunication service, but it should also require transparency of service to any website like the three mentioned above!

... for the simple reason of keeping the internet an open resource.

This may just be a rumor, but I have heard from several sources that government provided free broadband access that is being proposed right now comes with a severe catch. The user agreement allegedly requires anybody that wants to use the free broadband access to agree to give up their rights on the internet to be able to use it. This is just another reason we need to fight back against internet 2 and the current attacks against net neutrality.