

Internet usage has become a hub of how our populace goes about its daily living. We rely on the internet to send, receive, view and retrieve information. As society has progressed we've gone from dial-up to DSL, and advanced even further to wireless internet networks contained in the phones which reside in our back pockets. To attempt to regulate such a widely used form of social communication would be like putting restrictions on the postal service. Telling an individual that they cannot receive their preferred catalog subscriptions, that they are unable to mail to certain zip codes, that they will get pamphlet A instead of pamphlet B (because pamphlet B maker paid a prettier penny,) is wrong. It is further proof that wealthy, big-name companies have ceased to care about their customers and more about the fattening of their Gucci billfolds. (Need we remind them that it is BECAUSE of the consumer that they are able to generate profit to begin with?) Greed is the driving force behind this agreement, and nothing else. The saddest part about this is even if for some unimaginable reason this all pans out in Verizon's favor, they have far too much power in the communications arena for any one person to make a difference by switching services. Customers will have no choice but to shell out more money for wireless bills that are already too high.

The FCC has a responsibility to step in and act on the better behalf of this nation's consumers. If this 'agreement' goes through then the FCC has not done its job of protecting the most basic ETHICAL business practices. Maybe that is why this blatant attempted robbery is being allowed to occur. Ethics and integrity are alien concepts to the business leaders of said companies. No longer is customer SERVICE a priority, it is dwindling even as a concern among establishments we have spent the last decade nurturing and investing in. Only to have them turn around and say, "Listen, I know you pay us \$200.00 a month for limited minutes, unlimited messages and your savvy smart phone. But it's not enough. I need another couple hundred so I can gas up my yacht and hit St. Tropez. Here's the bill, America! Thank you for being so naive.