

I rely on the Internet as a public platform for free speech, equal opportunity, economic growth and personal innovation and as a quick and easy means to sometimes vital information. Without integral Net Neutrality protections, companies like Verizon and Comcast, which have a commercial incentive to limit the free-flowing Web, can decide whether I will have a voice online. These companies should not have the power to determine my fate on the Internet. To directly answer the question posed though.. I would say, and I think I speak for more than myself here, that an open internet is essential to me and millions of others in the social cabinet of life. Online socialization as an activity is a huge class of citizens as you must well know and is but one of the many large factions in the concept of Net Neutrality. Sure, you might say 'well, you can go do this sort of thing on any other site of thousands among the span of the web' but in my opinion I strictly believe the public should be able to CHOOSE where they wish to conduct themselves online, not be required to bend to the will of the corporations on where they can and can't go about their virtual work and lives!

I admit, I am not the most knowledgeable subject when asked about this Net Neutrality issue but it seems to me to be a fairly big upheaval and since this Verizon - Google deal is scheduled to be heard soon it would seem to be prudent to act now on this issue. In my opinion the FCC can't cut private deals that would hand control over the Internet to a few massive phone and cable companies.. any compromise that allows Internet providers to build toll lanes online is not real Net Neutrality.

The agency must stand with the public and protect consumer access to the most important communications medium of our time. The FCC must regain its resolve to protect Net Neutrality on wired and wireless networks. Please reclassify broadband as a "telecommunications service" and keep the Internet open and free of corporate gatekeepers.