

I have a family of 5. Myself, my wife, and 3 children; ages 7, 9, and 13. Each and every one of us has at least one computer, and all the children have net enabled handheld devices. I believe this is fairly typical of an average American family in 2010.

My living comes FROM the internet. Not in some online sales scheme, or mass e-mailing... but by taking "tickets" in an online clearinghouse where buyers hire contractors, such as myself, directly. I am the only wage earner in my household, so getting these tickets is critical to our well being. These tickets are first come, first serve so to speak in that the first person in queue to take it gets first right of refusal. If I am so much as 10 seconds too slow, I can lose \$300 or more each and every ticket.

This goes directly toward the idea that there will be "tiered service" by providers. It's tantamount to extortion. If I don't pay extra, I won't be able to get high enough speed to guarantee that I can get those tickets loaded and viewed fast enough. If I have to go to the "free internet", it would be exactly as fast as a "Free Proxy Server". If you haven't tried one... please do. Only the rich will get high speed with the left three lanes, and the rest of us will be stuck in the right lane where dial-up may be faster. That's only the impact on our wages...

All of my children are quite computer savvy. I use it extensively to teach them history, health, math, and other things. I'm quite sure that again, this traffic will be put in the slow lane while "pay to play" tiers will get all the high speed to watch their videos and download games.

The worst part of the end of Net Neutrality is that it flies in the face of the very principle of the Internet. Information wants to be free. We have to be realistic in that it costs money to keep the infrastructure, but that's not what we're talking about here. The net neutrality movement is intended to keep corporations from deciding what is and is not important; what can be censored, and what shall be given a free ride into our homes.

America would become the only nation to censor the internet other than places such as China, North Korea, and Iran. Only in their cases, it is the government doing it. Here in the United States of America, big business will do it.

The internet is an essential part of our information infrastructure, just as power, water, and roads are to our survival and economic stability. When services are such an integral part of our lives and livelihoods, we deem that the companies that provide such services must look past pure profit and extend said services to as many homes and people as possible. As such it is absolutely necessary to regulate these services. If we don't, we might as well stop regulating all infrastructure services... because apparently we trust big businesses to keep us safe enough with self-regulation that we should trust our lives to them. It's not like they'll literally let people die so they can squeeze out more

profit, thereby keeping their Wall Street handlers happy. After all, this isn't like the Coal, Oil, Chemical Manufacturing, or Banking industries who have actually let people die for more profits.

What could go wrong?