

AT&T, Verizon, & Comcast have arbitrarily capped the American Citizen's access to the Internet. Please investigate this as Net Neutrality violations. These companies no longer offer unlimited Internet usage for a monthly subscription. Did you ever consider how much bandwidth you use for Netflix streaming? Gaming? Downloading music from iTunes? Video from You Tube? Skype Videoconferencing? Well, you have to start counting them megabytes, because AT&T and other ISPs are capping you. . .and have been since this May! Investigate AT&T's data caps as part of T Mobil merger review and how merger would affect data caps they refuse to lift -- will data caps be even worse post-merger being more harsh? For more on the fight against data caps visit <http://www.stopthecap.com>

AT&T's 150 GB per month DSL cap is the equivalent of using about 0.5 mbit if you used it constantly through 30 days. Good luck Netflixing or gaming or downloading stuff on that! And overage will cost you dearly.

Bandwidth is not a scarce commodity, such as natural resources like oil or coal. We can always build more bandwidth. In fact, millions of taxpayer dollars have already been "spent" to upgrade the nation's internet infrastructure, the so-called "Dark Fiber" which major ISPs are not using. There is no myth of limited bandwidth--only AT&T and other ISPs being unwilling to upgrade their networks.

AT&T's cap now applies to businesses as well. They and other ISPs offer no alternatives to these caps -- if someone goes over them, you are fined without recourse, or worse, banned from the service. This includes if other people are using your unsecured wireless network, or if you are uploading data (such as backing up your hard drive) to the Internet. Furthermore, how are these ISPs monitoring your data usage? What methods do they use, are they reliable, and do they fully protect your right to privacy as a consumer? Are there provisions that allow your ISP to guarantee that you will not be charged for bandwidth used by cookies, online advertising or hackers? And perhaps to hit most at home, will you now have to justify to your boss every five minutes you spend online?

The future of Internet Computing is in something called "The Cloud," which will require extremely high bandwidth requirements. AT&T is putting the lid on the future, as well as obstructing the political rights of teachers, religious leaders, and students from being able to use the Internet as a means of participating in our Democracy. Not only that, but AT&T's practices may violate Net Neutrality, as people who download movies through AT&T's new movie service (which competes directly with Netflix), find that their downloads DO NOT count toward AT&T's bandwidth cap, where as downloads from competitors DO count toward your cap.

The Internet is not a luxury; it is today's standard of modern communication. Information should not be solely in the domain of those who can afford it, nor should it be controlled by any one corporation. This leads to injustice, particularly for people whose geographical location denies them a choice

between Internet Service Providers.

I hope you are hopping mad about this, like me. Together we'll show AT&T we are not gonna lay down and take this!

Also, please check out the groups devoted to fighting this at:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/186439608067383/>

(Stop AT&T from Bandwidth Capping, Facebook Group)

<http://stopthecap.com/>

(Website dedicated to this situation.)

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