

The Open Internet is what helped communicate messages against the merger so no doubt AT&T will try harder to curb it. They don't understand how it works and don't care. Just as supporters of PIPA/SOPA Internet censorship bills don't care they want the Web to be closed off. An Open Internet threatens the status quo of monopoly control over telecommunications. I urge regulators to keep fighting to protect it from being closed.

Here we go again. Now AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson is complaining that the FCC was unfair to AT&T. Remember when the FCC first published staff report against the merger AT&T accused the agency of cherry picking facts and supporting a one-sided argument against the merger. So when AT&T gets what it wants regulators are doing the right thing -- since the facts as AT&T claimed for its merger (corporate propaganda) supported the merger. However, any information criticizing AT&T's statements that the regulators seriously consider amount to FCC cherry picking facts.

1. The networks -- and their underlying technologies -- are INCOMPATIBLE.
2. For 10% of the acquisition price, AT&T could have initiated a capex upgrade of its own network to accomplish same.
3. With or without the deal, rural consumers would NOT have seen access to the network or its services.

This transaction was all about the acquisition of T-Mobile's millions of subscribers and the monthly (\$49-\$79)subscriptions they pay.

The Open Internet enables political activism and is what critics used to send messages to regulators against the proposed merger. This would make AT&T want to discriminate online and destroy the openness of the Internet even more. The Open Internet was also used to communicate on numerous other political issues like emailing The White House comments against the Keystone XL Pipeline. Greedy corporations like AT&T and TransCanada would never understand how the Internet works and will continue to try to change the way it works to fit their proprietary business models.

This is NOT about the Feds moving the goalpost. This IS about the FEDS finally protecting US citizens