

Reclassify Internet Service Providers As Common Carriers.

I support net neutrality for the following reasons:

1. Freedom of speech: the Internet is at its core a free and open technology
2. Rights over data control: network providers have no rights over data between end-users
3. Conflicts of interest for network providers: the temptation for network providers to restrict information from competitors will be too great
4. Stifling of innovation: the involvement of network providers in determining what content, like sites, reaches consumers will create a misleading picture of what consumers really want, the success of sites will be determined by deal-making, not the site itself
5. Preservation of Internet standards: allowing network providers the ability to restrict content will force content in general to change, disrupting existing Internet standards
6. The end-to-end/dumb network principle: network providers should simply be "dumb" networks that transmit information between end-users