

7521109674.txt

I recommend FCC classify and regulate all internet technologies as common carrier like any other communication medium (e.g., telephone, short-wave, etc.). By not doing so, you are placing private companies in the position to censor speech by permitting them to manage the interface between content providers and users. While some argument can be made for priority traffic on the internet (e.g., disaster response, VOIP, etc.), given that most ISPs are also content providers, they are biased to use any ability to control traffic enhance their position and weaken any other (e.g., Comcast throttling Netflix when Comcast's cable user base has been negatively impacted by Netflix's rise). By ending net neutrality, the FCC would be taking part in the stifling of technology development, the stifling of free speech, and further moving the United States into an oligarchical regime.

For comparison, would the FCC support public utilities such as electric power companies to provide service with different prices based on its use (not customer type but how the power is being used)? What if an electric utility elevated the cost of a solar panel factory due to the competition it was going to cause? That would not be ethical and it is similar to allowing ISPs running cable companies to restrict traffic from emerging technologies which directly compete with cable subscriber services.

I am happy to discuss further on this point

Sincerely  
Joe Constant