

We need net neutrality.

For as long as I can remember the internet has been a substantial source of information. Growing up in a small town with only a decent/basic education system, the internet served as another source of teaching/learning.

Allow information/websites/ideas to be judged by internet users based on their merits alone. For these to be judged and used based on their merits alone, we CAN NOT have the traffic from some being squelched, while others are allowed to flow freely, this would allow ISPs to potentially decide what the public does and does not see.

I can not fathom in the 21st century a society where we would still allow information that once flowed freely to be suppressed in any way.

Imagine a fictional society, that is holding a court case in the center of a perfect-circle island 1000 miles across. In this court case the defendant has all of the evidence supporting his case on the east most beach. the plaintiff has all of his evidence on the western most beach. (they are the same distance from the center)

The plaintiff's evidence is transported all at once by a freight train via "beach-communications" and arrives in 12 hours. The defendant however is only allowed to send 1% of his evidence at a time, on the same model freight train via "beach-communications" the fragments arrive once every 12 hours.

now imagine that this court case is really just an attempt by an internet user to find out whether or not the earth is flat.

"The plaintiff" is really "flatearthmumbojumbo.com"

"The defendant" is really "nasa.com"

"beach-communications" is really "Verizon"

Flatearthmumbojumbo.com was allowed to send all of their evidence at once because they paid extra money to Verizon to keep traffic to their sight un-inhibited.

nasa.com however was pulling all of its funding towards further exploration and discovery so they didn't pay the money to Verizon, thus their traffic was slowed down.

The internet user trying to find this out will either, take the first most accessible source as fact and go on their way, or give up on their query. Either one is not beneficial to society.

-A concerned student and citizen.