

Hello, my name is Oliver Davis. I have been using the internet for almost my entire life, and I am here, writing this short essay as to why ending Net Neutrality would be a horrible idea. The major issue is that it stops the free and open market, it allows companies to discriminate against the internet usage of consumers, and ending Net Neutrality would be in the interest of the few, not the interest of the millions.

Let's start with the free and open market. The Internet has been the primary tool for the start of many businesses and shows, businesses that followed the rules of the capitalist system and proved themselves good competitors because they were different, better, and more special when compared to the older products. Rather than other businesses competing the way they should, they are trying to convince you to change the rules of the game. A cable company that can provide internet may think Netflix or YouTube is hurting their television side could potentially make connecting to those sites a near impossibility, simply because they never thought to let people log into their own website online to watch the cable channels over the internet.

It wouldn't just be going against the free and open market to already existing businesses. Any startup business would get squashed under the ISP's if it was seen as a threat to their own business, and therefore keep new people from getting into the game entirely because the word of mouth won't be able to spread.

Now let's get to the discrimination of consumer's usage. There are some students who need to watch online videos for their classes. There are those who only get any social interaction by playing with people online. There are those who come home after a long day's work and just want to relax with some cat videos online. By ending net neutrality, ISP's would no longer be required to treat access to those sites as equal, and would demand more money from the

consumer for the right to visit those sites. While some needs may not seem as important to others in the long run, keep in mind that businesses are businesses, and if they can make more money, they WILL make more money. Keeping the most people safe is the job of the government, not keeping the few who are willing to lobby for the opposite effect just because they can't compete.

This brings me to my last point. You work for the United States of America. *All* of the United States of America. When changing a law, you must consider what the majority want. This is a democracy, and making the majority angry for too long never ends well. We the people NEED Net Neutrality simply because the Internet was created for the exchange of information, and letting businesses control the flow of information is a very dangerous thing, because they'll try to keep any information against them from the people, going against the first amendment of the constitution, censoring it because the few don't like it, rather than the majority. So I ask you, keep Net Neutrality alive and don't let it die.