

An American Standard Of Living Is In Jeopardy

For being an economic super power, the United States internet infrastructure continues to wane. The future of American entertainment, education and innovation is tied to the internet being a free and open social equalizer blind to old wealth manipulating the politics of America like the consequences of Citizens United and the repeal of Glass–Steagall.

This is a power grab by Internet Service Providers to tack on more recurring fees on both public users and now companies large and small; toll fees on both ends. An ISP like Comcast has a conflict of interest selling a cable tv and pay-per-view video on demand service while also selling internet access. Comcast will drown a company like Netflix in fees for priority bandwidth, which will make Netflix subscriptions go up. Meanwhile ISPs can charge more to every party on top of that. This conflict will catalyze this toxic environment of data caps and no competition territories.

Telecommunication companies aren't trustworthy to supply internet as is. They have reputations for lying to their customers and there is nothing we can do because they are effectively one or two business territorial monopolies across America. I have been lied to by them and I have no option to discontinue my service if I wish to continue being a better informed 21st century American citizen.

This is fundamentally why internet access should be a public utility. It has been conditioned to be such a vital part of functioning American life, much like indoor plumbing, running water and electricity, that not having internet access causes separation anxiety and depression. These standards of living should be sacred, more sacred than the 2nd Amendment. Threatening net neutrality is akin polluting a river that leads to household faucets or purposely causing rolling electrical blackouts like Enron did in my state of California over 13 years ago.

Being against net neutrality is supporting an open field for innovations in market manipulations. Cable ISPs want to charge Americans at home with hotel rates for their services. Do not enable them to continue this power and money grab.

