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The idea that eventually became the Internet transformed our society in ways we are still evaluating. It is arguably the single most important event since the advent of mass media in our society. It is now inconceivable to think of our society prior to the Internet. I routinely pay of bills, read the news, check my investments, watch movies and listen to music, all on the Internet.

Net neutrality was a concept that ensured a level playing field for everyone, regardless of size, who utilized the Internet, whether for profit or purely for recreational purposes.

The cable industry was deregulated once some years ago, and then promptly re-regulated again because of the egregious abuses they immediately implemented. The vast majority of American consumers have at best, two choices when deciding on an Internet provider, I personally have a choice between Time Warner and att U-Verse in my area, satellite cable companies do not provide Internet access, only cable service. I have tried both services, and the quality of service is abysmal with both. After multiple problems with the boxes and one hour waits on the phone for a cable technician I turned to U-Verse, only to discover that while the initial service was good, the more people who signed up in my area, the lousier the service became until now, where the service loses synch every 45 minutes or so for a couple of minutes, then resumes, only to repeat 45 minutes later. This is because of the 50 year old telephone copper twisted cable that constitutes the last leg of the circuit to my house.

You now, in inimitable governmental doublespeak, support the "Open Internet" whatever that is, but fail utterly to support or rewrite the rules to support Net Neutrality.

To blithely assume that cable companies, who are on record as having the absolute worst customer service bar none, and had to be re-regulated because they were so horrible without regulation, will not abuse the new freedom which your ex-cable industry lobbyist leader seems bent on providing, is one more nail in the coffin that representative Democracy will be buried in.

I write this, hoping, but without much hope, that somewhere in the shrieking vacuum, devoid of any ethical scruples that is Washington, someone in the FCC will actually have the moral courage to support Net Neutrality, instead of smirking knowingly to his ex-bosses while handing the keys for the Internet to companies that, if they were individuals, would be tarred and feathered and ridden out of town on a rail for the incompetent, inefficient, expensive and monopolistic "service" they provide. Your decision may well determine if the Internet continues in its current form or fragments into users only subscribing to basic services for streaming videos from sources like HBO.

But then the cable companies will still control our access, right?