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It is imperative that the internet remain neutral. The internet should be viewed as any other public service utility--like water, electricity, and sewage. It should be equal and accessible to all.

Sadly, our country has inched closer and closer to a society that Pres. Theodore Roosevelt fought against--monopolies. Society is already concentrating services and goods in the hands of a few very large multinational corporations. If we remove neutrality from the internet, large companies with high internet traffic will pay premium for insanely fast speeds while smaller companies that cannot yet afford those faster speeds will be left behind, and start-up companies likely won't even be able to get out of the starting block because they can't afford to compete.

If we truly pride ourselves on innovation, as we claim we do, it is important that the internet remains neutral so the next big things can actually have a fair and equal seat at the internet table.

If we plan to continue to compete on a global stage, we should be doing things similar to other developed nations instead of the opposite. The UN (and other specific countries, such as Finland) declared access to the Internet (and broadband, specifically) a fundamental right. If we offer tiered Internet, we are NOT living up to and securing that right.

Please allow the internet to remain neutral.