

I read an article titled “What Everyone Gets Wrong In The Debate About Net Neutrality” written by Robert McMillan on 6/23/14 and printed on wired.com, and I also saw the pertinent episode of “Last Week Tonight” with John Oliver on HBO, and I have these statements made by others to point out, and also some statements to make for myself in order to exercise my freedoms, to support and uphold fairness, and to perform part of my duty as a citizen.

“Most of the points of the (net-neutrality) debate are artificial, distracting, and based on an incorrect mental model on how the internet works...” (*clarification added*) – Article Quote from Dave Taht, a developer of open-source networking software.

My statement about that: Very simply, the misleading of Americans needs to STOP. It is done intentionally and it is disgraceful. This debate should be more clearly clarified and characterized in all aspects, end of story.

“On the modern internet, as Wu indicates, the real issue is that such a small number of internet service providers now control the pipes that reach out to U.S. consumers—and that number is getting even smaller, with Comcast looking to acquire Time Warner, one of its biggest rivals. The real issue is that the Comcasts and Verizons are becoming too big and too powerful. Because every web company has no choice but to go through these ISPs, the Comcasts and the Verizons may eventually have too much freedom to decide how much companies must pay for fast speeds.” – Article Quote from Tim Wu, the man who coined the term neutrality.

My statement about that: We should not allow monopolies to exist in this country. Its already happening, and it needs to stop; we certainly can not let it grow into a larger issue.

“What we should really be doing is looking for ways we can increase competition among ISPs—ways we can prevent the Comcasts and the AT&Ts from gaining so much power that they can completely control the market for internet bandwidth. Sure, we don’t want ISPs blocking certain types of traffic. And we don’t want them delivering their own stuff at 10 gigabits per second and everyone else’s stuff at 1 gigabit. But competition is also the best way to stop these types of extreme behavior.” – Author Quote/Statement from Article (Robert McMillan)

My statement about that: Competition is good. That’s what encourages good business practices, and discourages bad business practices and monopolies. The business that plays fair, has respectable policies, and also has a decent amount of fair competition (in order to uphold/build those valuable traits) is a long lasting, successful business, in my opinion. A business that does not have those traits is bad for our country, probably for a number of reasons. Selfishness and greed should never prevail, but these days, it does more and more. (Which is why I’m commenting here in the first place.)

“The problem today isn’t the fast lanes. The problem is whether the ISPs will grow so large that they have undue control over the market for fast speeds—whether they can independently decide who gets access to what connection at what price.” (R. McMillan)

“The question is which kinds of fast lanes are problematic and which kinds are not,” – Article Quote from Marvin Ammori, a lawyer and net neutrality advocate.

For many, “this seems like a shake-down that lets the service providers get paid at both ends—by their home subscribers and by the web companies that deliver stuff to these subscribers. Ammori worries that the ISPs will start throwing their weight around unfairly.” (McMillan)

My statement about these quotes: We CAN NOT let service providers get paid at both ends and basically have complete control, thus “throw their weight around unfairly” – the larger we let them grow, and with no competition, the worse off we all will be. We need to promote competition of ISP’s. Not the opposite.