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The availability of a free and open Internet is the newest and last bastion of freedom of expression. We now live in a country that has decided that the more money you have, the more access you should have to expressing your opinions (see the Citizens United ruling). The last place where wealth is not inherently tied to having your voice heard is the Internet.

It is, frankly, shameful that broadband Internet has yet to be made into a public utility, as it has long passed radio and television in usage for access to information. The idea of deregulating the industry further is simply appalling.