

With the attempted merger of Time-Warner and Comcast still fresh in our minds, how could one view the reclassification of broadband services as a utility under Title II as anything but a play for total control of the internet? With the appointment of Tom Wheeler to the chair of the F.C.C., how could one have any trust in this commission to begin with? With how much the president seems to enjoy the relationships he has with the C.E.O. of Comcast, or any number of other cable executives, why would one not think this is all a well thought out way to lasso control over the internet, while making very large sums of money on the side?

I'm sure I don't have to tell anyone reading this that in the world, America's internet is of the lowest quality, and highest price. That placing a throttle on something slow, will only make it slower. That charging ridiculously high fees for a basic service will prevent small businesses from being able to compete in any meaningful way. None of these things will bother a large corporation. But they will hurt the average consumer. They will hinder the entrepreneur, and demolish the middle class. They will also stifle differing opinion. If the ISP decides who gets what speed, (if any at all,) then what is to stop any political campaign from paying ISPs to slow (not run) their opponents ads? What is to stop the government from paying ISPs to slow or stop any website that may run with a different opinion? What is to stop any big corporation from paying ISPs to slow or stop any competitors ads?

As much as I may not like it, the internet has become a way of life for most folks. Schools rely on it, businesses need it, people would be lost without it. It is so much more than a mere communication utility. Besides all of the moral reasons not to follow through with the reclassification, I don't even think it is technically correct.

I would like to close with a reminder that when the decision comes, everyone will know exactly who did what in terms of making the calls. You ideally serve the people, not the corporations. If you ruin the internet, there will not be a small number of angry citizens.