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Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data equally. As an Internet user, net neutrality is vitally important to me. The FCC should use its Title II authority to protect it.

Most Americans have only one choice for truly high speed Internet: their local cable company. This is a political failure, and it is an embarrassment. America deserves competition and choice.

Without net neutrality, a bad situation gets even worse. These ISPs will now be able to manipulate our Internet experience by speeding up some services and slowing down others. That kills choice, diversity, and quality.

It also causes tremendous economic harm. If ISPs can speed up favored services and slow others, new businesses will no longer be able to rely on a level playing field. When ISPs can slow your site and destroy your business at will, how can any startup attract investors?

My friends, family, and I use the Internet for conversation and fun, but also for work and business. When you let ISPs mess with our Internet experience, you are attacking our social lives, our entertainment, and our economic well being. We won't stand for it.

ISPs are opposing Title II so that they can destroy the FCC's net neutrality rules in court. This is the same trick they pulled last time. Please, let's not be fooled again. Title II is the strong, legally sound way to enforce net neutrality. Use it.

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Telecom Articles and websites

-It's Time to Break Up AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, Time Warner and the Rest of the Telecoms. - AlterNet / By David Rosen and Bruce Kushnick
Today's telecoms provide overpriced and inferior service, and are systematically overcharging the hapless American consumer.
alternet.org/news/150752/it-s-time-to-break-up-at%26t,%C2%A0verizon,-comcast,-time-warner-and-the-rest-of-the-telecoms/

"How the Phone Companies Are Screwing America: The \$320 Billion Broadband Rip-Off-
AlterNet / By David Rosen and Bruce Kushnick
Americans are stuck with an inferior and overpriced communications system, compared with the rest of the world, and we're being ripped off in the process.
[alternet.org/story/148397/how-the-phone-companies-are-screwing-america:-the-\\$320-billion-broadband-rip-off?page=entire](http://alternet.org/story/148397/how-the-phone-companies-are-screwing-america:-the-$320-billion-broadband-rip-off?page=entire)

-The most hated cable company(s) in America is-- "Charter, Comcast & AT&T" By Catey Hill 5-20-14
Mediocre quality, infuriating customer service, high prices: If you're like most Americans, you hate your cable and Internet company (some more so than others) - and that's only getting worse.
<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/the-most-hated-cable-company-in-america-is-2014-05-20>

Why You Can't Watch ABC Online by Michelle 1-10-14
Apparently ABC has decided that they aren't making enough money from the commercials, and now you have to have an affiliation with an approved cable provider to stream new ABC shows.
<http://www.honestandtruly.com/2014/01/abc-online-issues-requires-cable/comment-page-1/#comment-71777>

A guy recorded his phone call when he tried to cancel cable, and it's a total nightmare By Lisa Eadicicco (Business Insider) This should be a crime
<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/a-guy-recorded-his-phone-call-when-he-tried-to-cancel-cable--and-it-s-a-total-nightmare-143731521.html>

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I would gladly, happily, giddily, LITERALLY put all the AT&T and Charter execs in with a bag full of cats and beat it with a stick. And throw in all the lying scumsucking sales pukes to keep them company.

I've been ripped off by three cable companies in a row the last one being AT&T who lied to me about how much it was going to cost to turn on the service. (This was at the AT&T store at the Riverside Plaza.) When I discovered the amount was more than double what we'd agreed I stopped service. What I didn't know was they had this unbelievable, nightmarish process for returning their Internet box where by the time I returned it they had turned me over to a collection agency who is now trying to extort three hundred dollars from me.

I'll throw this in too:

Bank of America: Too Crooked to Fail Rolling Stone Magazine / by Matt Taibbi
The bank has defrauded everyone from investors and insurers to homeowners and the unemployed. So why does the government keep bailing it out?
rollingstone.com/politics/news/bank-of-america-too-crooked-to-fail-20120314