

Net Neutrality is all THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES and possibly the world have left. Screw it up. slow it down. Tack control of everything. And You'll force people out of their homes to communicate. Their ideas and concerns That will slowly but steadily create a mob. Then there will be people with picket signs out side of their local internet providers office. But you inconsiderate, Selfish, soulless, corporations don't care. Improve the world STOP fucking up EVERYTHING!

—Charlie, Quincy, IL

Net Neutrality will protect and will only thing from big companies like Verizon, Time Warner Cable and other internet provider from corrupting this whole system of providing internet and other service equally. I am sick and tired of my internet being disgustingly slow and if any other things come to intervene in freedom of speech, press and slowing my internet service, I will always fight and advocate to make sure that those big companies do not get privileges from the government to bring more corruption into internet providing service. NO ONE should be paying those big-monopoly companies to ensure that their websites can run or connect to people/ ordinary citizen at a fast speed/ normal speed of internet. Please, keep the net neutrality and stop getting allured by money that those big companies bring to the government.

—Esther Nam, whitestone, NY

It protects the right of equal access for all users

—Dan Millick, Monaca, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I don't trust the cable companies to make decisions that are financially the best for my family. We live in an area where Charter is the only broadband option and we are at their mercy when it comes to pricing and content. Therefore, they have no incentive to offer competitive prices or services.

—Ken Golden, Greenville, MI

Because the cable companies have quite enough money and control while I on the other hand have very little of either. This is a country for the people NOT for the 1%. And yes I do know that's a ridiculous thing to say in this day and age but a man can dream.

—David McCown, Battlefield, MO

Net neutrality is of paramount importance. Allowing businesses to profit from price gouging websites for access to a so called "fast lane" would be destructive to the free speech and freedom of information that the internet has been built on.

—Alexandria Savage, Albuquerque, NM

Net Neutrality is essential to the personal and socio-economic freedoms of every internet user in this country. If major corporations are allowed to commodify and limit access to sites and products outside of their direct ownership, then the every internet user will suffer. If companies like Comcast are able to decide which sites are "more worthy" of reasonable speeds, then independent and less commercial sites will suffer. Remember that the internet provides access no only to entertainment, but educational content, international idea exchange, e-commerce, and so on. It enhances cultural growth and development in every area, and access should be public and egalitarian in terms of speed, while content costs should be regulated and independently decided just like any other industry in our economy. Further, compromising net neutrality will only encourage piracy and file sharing, as people will be priced out or discouraged from legally purchasing web-based content. Do not buy into the delusion that piracy can be regulated and fined out of existence. Remember that our population is more tech-literate and internet dependent than ever before. Also remember that we're slowly coming out a recession and employment crisis that has economically crippled our young adult populace (i.e. the populace with the most versatile discretionary income from here well into the future.) and will continue to affect the next few generations. Strong-arming consumers, as well as content streaming companies like Hulu, Netflix for example into paying higher prices just to keep their sites functioning will be detrimental to everyone in the long term as more people will turn away these services altogether, for the simple fact that piracy and bootlegging will become the easier and more affordable alternative.

—Milan, Washington, DC

Seriously, haven't we had enough of the Cable company monopolies? This whole charge more for people who can pay and make the internet slower for those who can't is BULLSHIT! The FCC is suppose to protect us from Monopolies and look out for the people. How about doing your job and telling the cable companies to go F themselves?!

—Mark Rose, Arlington, TX

Tom Wheeler is about to destroy the largest source of free information in the world and hand it over to corporations so they can legally screw the people out of more money. We already pay them a fortune for some of the worst service in the developed world. And now we want to pay them more for the same crap service? How is this even being considered? Tom Wheeler's legacy will be the halting of technological progress. No one will spend the money to invest in better services for the people when they have free range to charge whatever the shit they want for the same crappy service. Tom Wheeler should be ashamed of himself. But in case you aren't- the entire country is ashamed for you.

—Ben Beard, Austin, TX

I have a small website and do not have the money to compete with the large corporations for equal internet speed.

—Jason McKenna, astoria, NY

All i have to say is what was the internet made for. It was made so that the people may find easier ways to get directions, take classes, learn how to cook, take tests and etc. And most important it was made not to charge people for using it witch people already get charged by big name telecommunicators but it was made to be a free usable world at the click of a button or the touch of a finger and for some it is a get away from all the troubles of their every day life and now you plan to take that from us, well i say how dare you if it went for the people you and all of your telecommunicator companies would be nothing.

—Jacob Molina, los angeles, CA

We pay ridiculous amounts of our hard-earned money every month and expect a service consistent with what we pay for. If Net Neutrality is shot down, IP and Cable companies will have free reign to charge the average person whatever they please for what should be normal speed access to sites and services. How long is the FCC going to continue listening to the garbage spewed by these companies before the board says 'Enough is enough, we've had the wool pulled over our eyes fr far too long!' The cable companies and Internet service providers are trying to rape the public for a quick buck, and we need to call them out on their lies and self-serving interests in the Net Neutrality issue.

—Georgos Ogourousis, Lawrenceville, GA

Net Neutrality is one of the most important issues of our time. This isn't about profits for cable and internet companies. This isn't about high-speed access for certain services (and low-speed for others). No, it's much bigger than that. The Internet is an essential part of everyday life. Decades ago, the internet was something that many people knew about, but rarely used. However, nowadays it's used by nearly everyone for nearly everything, even if they don't even realize they're using it. With something so important, it would just be absolutely ridiculous to allow a single corporation to control what data can go through and at what speed. I resent all attempts to disrupt Net Neutrality. It's bad enough that telecommunication companies are allowed to have monopolies in areas, but to allow them to go on and abuse those monopolies even further, in ways that can only harm consumers and progress alike? No. Do not allow ISPs to create different data lanes. Do not allow ISPs to restrict content based on origin or purpose. Do not allow ISPs to restrict content based on content. Do not allow ISPs to restrict ANYTHING. That's not their job. That's not anyone's job. The Internet needs to be free and open. The Internet is not a product for cable companies to make money off of, it is an essential part of life, and should not be restricted by anything but the upper limit of what installed hardware can provide.

—Lucas Fivas, Taylorsville, UT

Internet rates are already rising fast enough with little to no competition in nearly every city in the USA. The only people that want this passed is the major cable/internet companies. If we (the citizens) are going to be paying heavy subscriptions to access the internet I would like to have uniform access to each site. In my job I work for US Gov Contracting. If I am looking for a business to contract with online and their site loads slow or not at all I will move onto the next one. This could potentially limit competition for Government contracts. Net Neutrality doesn't really harm big businesses or the cable companies, but getting rid of Net Neutrality will harm small businesses.

—Joseph Holt, St Paul, MN

IF YOU DISMANTLE NET NEUTRALITY YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED IN HISTORY AS GREEDY OPPORTUNISTS.

—James Williams, COTTONWOOD, TX

Please continue treating the Internet as a public utility, not another corporate mistake.

—Robin Plan, Austin, TX

I think it is absurd to charge more for equal access. The giants, Google, facebook, twitter, et al, will pay the fees for "fast lane" charge, passed on to the consumer, via networking/cable access just for the "right" to get information at a reasonable speed. This will kill upstart companies who will get lost in the shuffle--while a consumer may benefit from "Bobsgaragerepair.com" he/she won't bother loading such a page if it costs extra to have it run at normal speed. Net neutrality MUST remain--the Web is a populist medium, and needs to stay that way, meaning if I do a search for "Bob's Garage Repair" it better load up in the same list as anything by Lowe's or Home Depot at the same goddam bps rate. After all, Bob may know something about garage repair that maybe Lowe's or Home Depot don't--the opportunity should be there for me to find out without frustration and extra expense. This would also kill those of us making money out here as content writers on sites that ARE NOT Wikipedia, for example (which I'm sure some cable dipwad company would charge extra to make it run faster while requiring Wiki to get in the "fast lane"). Screw that, and screw yet another attempt by cable company's to ream us even more.

—Vic Dillinger, La Grange, KY

Net Neutrality means an internet where money doesn't matter. A Neutral Net is one where ideas are allowed to stand on their merit, and no amount of money or power can dictate which ideas are accessible to people. A Neutral Net means no fast-lanes, no throttling, and protections for consumers from the increasingly monopolistic ISPs which have for too long muddied the waters of this discussion. A Neutral Net, where all traffic and ideas are treated equally, is the most idealistically egalitarian part of our society. Allowing the rich and powerful to take away that frontier is perverse.

—Shane Clune, Pine City, MN

I pay comcast to give me access to the internet. The idea that they should be allowed to take my money and then also charge content providers to transmit their data to me, the data I already payed for, is absurd. It would be one thing if I could just switch to a company that doesn't do this, but the only company that offers speeds over 20mb/s in my area is comcast. Don't let cable companies kill net neutrality. Don't let cable companies blackmail content providers. Don't let the companies who already essentially have monopolies in their areas slow the sharing of information.

—Travis Tornquist, Indianapolis, IN

What is the point of giving more power to the cable companies?

—Brian, Austin, TX

Net neutrality is important to me because I watch most, if not all, of my shows online. I like that I can pay for only the programming I want, and I would hate to see those prices go up. Furthermore, services like Netflix have great original programming, a service they can provide thanks in part to net neutrality.

—Reyes Maraboto, Brownsville, TX

One of my favorite movies as a kid, "Aladdin", features the following quote: "Haven't you heard of the Golden Rule? Whoever has the gold, makes the rules." That line has stuck with me into adulthood, and it is ringing truer and truer in the world of politics. Please don't allow corporations and their billions stamp out freedom of expression and the right for everyone to be heard. Don't allow better-quality access to those who have the money to spend on it. Don't allow corporations to deny a service that is becoming par with electricity and water to those who aren't the right "market". Stand up to the monopolies!

—Joseph Eveler, Fredericksburg, VA

Please keep Net Neutrality. It is more important than you can ever imagine.

—Luis Loza, Lincoln, NE

Net neutrality to me means being able to access any information available on the internet without companies being able to steer me to certain sites that are willing to pay for access to me. As a rural customer I am already limited to only one broadband ISP. If that ISP decides the priority that sites get to me what is to keep them from feeding me content they want me to have, ie content they own and profit from. I'm pretty sure that's the definition of monopoly. I have no other options, do you want to help big telecom deprive the public even more than they already do. Yes there are multiple ISP's but if they have a gentlemen's agreement not to compete for customers, regulation is the rural citizens only hope.

—Ryan Given, Waterford, MS

How can we live in a free society if big cable companies can control every little thing we do, and now they are deciding how fast internet can be for us?

—Marco, Chaska, MN

Hello to whom it may concern this is former SPC Hathaway honorably discharged paratrooper of the 82ND and now full time college student. I feel the protection of Net Neutrality is crucial for the future of the internet. As my understanding without it the major ISPs would then be able to charge websites more money for a "fast lane" version of the internet. While at first this may seem great who doesn't want faster internet? Think of those who wouldn't be able to afford it. Small family run businesses all around America would see speeds cut drastically. I frequently go to less traveled websites while researching assignments. While I'm sure wikipedia would pay the fee for the "fast lane". The websites linked to in the sources section would be less fortunate. Please anyone in a position to protect Net Neutrality do all you can.

—Terry Hathaway, Mount Dora, FL

My ISP should not have the power to dictate how I use the bandwidth I pay for.

—Sean Sexton, Georgetown, MA

Net neutrality keeps corporations, which are not people despite what the Supreme Court says, from buying unequal access and shutting out those who do not have billions of dollars. Wealth should not determine what gets heard, what gets respected, or simply what gets through to the public.

—Elwood Sturtevant, Louisville, KY

SUMMARY: Net Neutrality benefits the economy. It should be supported however possible. without Net Neutrality, many people would face more difficulty finding or offering jobs, selling or buying possessions, finding or reviewing businesses, and even creating and funding their own start-ups and innovations. If the Internet must be maintained with public money, it is worth more than perhaps any current government expenditure.

—Isaac Murphy, McKinleyville, CA

The internet was originally founded as a way to share information freely, quickly, and openly. Taking away the ability for all individuals to have their thoughts and ideas shared equally for the betterment of corporations or those better off does not constitute an equal protection of rights among all participants. Save Net Neutrality, and let the users decide what is important.

—Cameron, N/A, MN

"If companies can decide that your blog should load at 1/100 the speed of whoever's paying them for "fast lane" access, what does that mean for your freedom of speech?" That pretty much sums it up. Thanks, Cracked.com!

—Kate, Ann Arbor, MI

I just don't like the idea of companies having the ability to make websites forced to be slowed because they're not rich corporations. Down the line, this could allow companies to block sites with information they don't or business partners don't like while hiding behind "oh, prices went up... but just for that site". It's a dangerous precedent if any corporation controls the internet.

—Mr. Jonathan Buchanan, West Seneca, NY

net neutrality to me is similar to freedom of speech. and allowing corporations to de-regulate themselves so they can have more control and profit without any competition is unjustifiable. ul

—Kevin Laucella, Spokane, WA

Corporations shouldn't get priority over people. PERIOD. Slowing down the internet so companies can charge more money for it and have faster access themselves seems to be a pretty clear case of, yet again, the majority getting screwed over for the sake of the few.

—Charles Ryan, East Greenwich, RI

A lot of us depend on the free internet for work. If Net neutrality is struck down, it's assured that ISP companies will take advantage of "fast tracking" and a lot of people will lose money because they can't afford to pay a bribe for their websites to load faster than a snail's pace.

—William Derosa, Ewa Beach, HI

In fringing upon a group's ability to communicate seamlessly and limiting their connection to what makes us the bastion of human achievement has not gone over well in countries of the middle east (Egypt) and Asia (China/Russia). Instead of openly tongue-fucking the regulations on something ninety percent of the country doesn't want why not attempt to be a better company and better invest your money or improve your products.

—Anthony Breimon, Vancouver, WA

The internet's purpose is to provide an unbiased and free speech world that connects us all. No corporation has the right with their billions of dollars to restrict that right. We the people will speak out to this injustice!!

—Jacob, Eastham, MA

We need neutrality as much as the government needs it. The era of cable is over. If we hand them the control to basically stop the websites not deemed worthy, we hand them our ability to say no. We should all say no. We can't let ourselves be governed by big business. We shouldn't let ourselves be governed by the rich. They are not powerful without us. The Internet is free knowledge and very, very powerful. It should stay free for all.

—Kelly Henrickson, McMinnville, OR

I will vote for an independent before I vote for anyone who has been against net neutrality.

—JB Spencer, Baton Rouge, LA

The world is becoming smaller and the borders between countries are eroding as communication becomes easier across social barriers and language difficulties. This has the potential to be a huge advancement towards peace for our species. This trend seems likely to continue as long as the internet remains a neutral ground for all people. Attempting to stall this stage of human evolution seems, frankly, evil.

—Cleve Langdale, Blythewood, SC

When I was younger, computers and, later, the Internet were only for the rich. As I became an adult, the Internet became less of a luxury and more of a necessity. My children are mandated to use it in their school district, it's essential to my own work and now it seems things are about to change. Big telecommunications companies want to change the way you access the Internet and want to be able to charge you with little to no oversight. My family and many others can't suffer this change lightly. You're the organization that is supposed to regulate this utility. Don't let the money make your decisions.

—Roy Schmidt, Omaha, NE

This probably won't ever be read but that doesn't mean I shouldn't voice somewhere that what you, the FCC, the commission who is supposed to protect open channels of free speech and give everyone an equal right to a voice, are doing is despicable. I hope the united voices of your country and your people stop you from doing permanent damage to our open system of free speech via internet.

—Kate, Athens, GA

The internet must remain neutral. It is the greatest resource for information, innovation and in the case of many income ever to exist in the history of mankind, its value to the world can literally not be overstated. This decision will change the course of human history and ending Net Neutrality would stifle human progress not just in the United States but the whole world by way of influence. The ensuing damage may be irreversible.

—Marty Obermiller, Layton, UT

Because I don't work for a cable company, and I can easily see why killing millions of start-up groups before they ever happen can be bad. We've experienced a wonderful revolution in entertainment, media, and communication that I think will be all but wiped out with the loss of NN. Without it, the internet becomes just another fucking TV, and all the things great about it will disappear. Comcast, AT&T, Verizon, and anyone else lying their asses off to kill NN should be called out, publicly, and have every lie they've spewed in their efforts rebutted to their faces. What's wrong with America today? Groups like these having all the power simply because they have the money to throw.

—Eric, Americatown, PA

There is not enough competition in the telecommunications industry to ensure fair pricing practices. Neutrality by law is thus required to protect consumers and the many businesses dependent on telecom.

—Brian Collins, Stratford, CT

Net Neutrality will preserve the internet and allow it to grow as the medium for new ideas and provider of services it has become. Restricting that and allowing a select few to determine something such as the speed of loading based on how much the person running the website can afford to pay them will severely limit that progress. Please protect net neutrality!

—Jackie, N Riverside, IL

Net Neutrality is important because it keeps the internet a place of equality, not a place where the only way to get ahead is to already be ahead. The ridding of net neutrality is the very definition of "unfair." If those unable to afford faster sites are stuck with slower sites, that means people will be much less likely to visit them. For businesses, this ruins any attempt of expanding onto the net. Making it easier for those who can afford it to make money and making it harder for those who need every little bit they can to get buy, it's not equal and all it does is promote monopolies and hinder small business. Not only that, but it ruins what so many have come to see as what makes the internet such a great place: your amateurish blog, your online album of your family, that forum where you talk about your hobbies -- everything is equally accessible and equally important.

—Christian Davidson, Cincinnati, OH

Net neutrality is essential to the freedom of speech enjoyed by all Americans. Giving in to lobbyists who are throwing their money to change this is giving in to monopolies who do not have the interest of the average American in mind, something the fcc should take into consideration when deciding on how cable companies should be regulated.

—Marion, Layton, UT

Net neutrality is important as an independent business person, I cannot afford to pay more for the best Internet speed (outbound).

—Kevin McLogan, Royal Oak, MI

Net neutrality is the protection of the little guy against the huge corporations. Without it we'll start to find that any website that criticizes one of the big providers will run more slowly. Or not at all. Given the current state of media, being restricted to speech on radio, TV or print (none of which are free) is tantamount to being silenced and losing entirely one's first amendment rights. Do not let us get into a situation where those with the most money, and ONLY those with money, are the only ones who can be heard. Plus, I don't want to pay more for internet. Those dastards haven't invested in infrastructure anyway. "that's enough FIOS for you!"

—Lynn Allen, Long Beach, CA

We are Anonymous We are legion We do not forgive We do not forget United as one Divided by zero Expect us

—Anonymous Anonymous, Anonymous, DC

et Neutrality is the cornerstone of innovation, free speech and democracy on the Internet. More than 2 million Americans have expressed support for Net Neutrality at Congress and the FCC. They want control over the Internet to remain in the hands of the people who use it every day. Please stand with the public by protecting Net Neutrality once and for a.ll

—Michael Rodriguez, houston, TX

Net neutrality protects the right to free speech of the American people while fostering creativity and sharing. If cable companies got to choose what got high bandwidth, they could effectively shut down any site with opinions that their CEOs or board of directors don't agree with. That's censorship to an extreme.

—Matthew, Bristol, RI

When giant billion dollar companies spend millions of those dollars to stop something, that coincidentally will make them billions of more dollars you should know that they do not have the public's best interests in mind. Just their own greed. We need Net Neutrality.

—Rogelio Cavazos, North Charleston, SC

Anyone who has even a single brain cell knows that none of the big internet conglomerates, such as Verizon, Comcast, Cox, etc., want net neutrality. It's quite evident by Comcast's stint with Netflix. How can anyone of you FCC employees seriously think that these corporations are in it for anything except for money? Do you think that these clubs that are assembled for, supposedly, supporting net neutrality have lower employees in it? How is it that each of those of those members are CEOs? STOP getting blindsided by the depth of their pockets. It's not CEO of Verizon that's keeping the company profitable. It's the consumers, and if we really wanted to, we would stop patronizing them. Do the right thing and support net neutrality!

—Kristina Alexander, Windham, NH

Net neutrality allowed me to supplement my college education with online resources without having to add in more cost to my college education. Net neutrality provides an equal opportunity avenue to empowering oneself. As a country, we should not allow economic barriers that would inhibit a person's drive to improve themselves or their world.

—Garrett Hehn, Houston, TX

The ISP's aren't blind. They realize that the internet is quickly becoming a 'necessity' of most households. Right alongside food and electricity. Not to sound like a conspiracy theorist, but charging for fast lanes isn't exactly the worst thing the ISP's can do. Looking forward, though, it sets a terrible precedent for these companies to begin to change policy to better suit their quarterly figures. Governmental policy SHOULD NOT be changed to benefit a company over the people both the government and the company supposedly serve.

—Dillon Smith, Martinsville, IN

The Internet has become so deeply enmeshed in just about every aspect of daily life that disrupting access to it would damage just about everything. In order to make sure everything runs smoothly, the Internet has to remain neutral; if Net Neutrality goes away, it puts nearly every aspect of a person's life (how they communicate with friends, how they work, where they shop, and so on) at the mercy of a few big corporations who will be fully willing and able to hold us hostage in order to ensure that we pay more.

—Andrew Christianson, Conyers, GA

Because the lobbyists saying that net neutrality should die are all funded by the telecoms, I'd much rather use the sites I have now than the giants that fling money around without a hassle, the companies trying to kill it are the same who have done things like spend the billions they received to upgrade infrastructure on advertising and company pay raises, and because it's a joke that one has to pay a dollar per megabit with Comcast and the like when smaller companies are offering 1000 megabits for the same price range.

—Dan Enig, Chicago, IL

It protects my ability to express myself, connect with others, and make a living, effectively and effortlessly. Net neutrality might not be the end of a free internet, but I believe it would be the beginning of the end. To me, this is like giving auto manufacturers an anytime anyplace kill switch for every vehicle they make, that the dealers can pay to have disabled. It only makes sense in that it can be used to extort money.

Removing net neutrality is a way of generating fraudulent profit out of thin air.

—Adam, Piqua, OH

Hi! We're Comcast and Verizon. We've been informed that the internet is totally not broken, and we're here to fix that. You see, when people say they want free and unrestricted internet usage, what they're REALLY saying is that they want us to completely DESTROY one of the greatest and most important inventions in the history of mankind, so we can buy ourselves a couple of gold-plated Yachts. What's that? It sounds like we're spewing utter bullshit? Well, to that we say, "here's \$40 million, just for you." Still sound like bullshit? Yeah, didn't think so.

—David Clark, North Chesterfield, VA

Defending things like net neutrality is the very reason the FCC exists. If you aren't able to make the right call in something as cut and dry as this then I question why even have an FCC.

—Kody Digre, Hayden, ID

The internet is something we've all contributed to in one way or another. I'm contributing to it right now, actually. To take away neutrality and leave the largest database of human information in the hands of profit-driven ISPs would be to rip all of the humanity from the internet. Even the weird parts. And seriously, do you want to pay more for premium access to the internet? Ask yourself that, person who's reading this.

—Shane Thiede, Clinton Twp, MI

The internet should remain neutral and fair. Please maintain the fundamental nature of the industry. Thank you.

—Zach Reed, Milford, ME

Are you guys serious? Just use some damn common sense. Evil shit like this need to be stopped.

—Colton Worley, Spokane, WA

I don't believe in the companies that are my local internet service providers; but I have no alternatives. I want competition, not a monopoly. The internet is an important part of my life, as it is for other Americans. If internet service providers are allowed to charge a premium for speed to companies who operate at any level over the internet, they have a an advantage that goes against any semblance of freedom. The free market destroys itself, and becomes a monopoly. In my opinion, they shouldn't even be allowed to charge a premium for consumers to have faster speeds than their neighbors. Comcast and Verizon shouldn't get to throw money at their problems and get what they want. I'm blown away that are trying to charge both the consumers AND the producers for the internet, something they didn't invent, and something they don't rights to. The Internet has the greatest potential to better the lives of people, than of any technology since modern medicine. But don't get me started on the "Health Care" industry...

—Christopher Eicher, Woodridge, IL

Because the internet has been neutral for 25 years, and removing net-neutrality will change the way the internet works, permanently.

—Matt Crowther, Sun Valley, CA

Net neutrality is important for free education. For widespread dissemination of knowledge. And for funny animal pictures. Seriously, you shouldn't have to think hard about this unless there's money in your pockets from the corporations. Besides, if you go through with it, America will suck more than other countries, do you really want to say you made America worse? The companies have already made the US among the worst bang for your buck internet markets. Seriously, spend some time on the internet googling these things.

—Adrian Ivan, niskayuna, NY

As a member of the disabled community, I rely on the Internet to be my link to the world I cannot touch. I strongly feel that maintaining net neutrality maintains my ability to interact with the world in a way I never will be able to without the total influence of corporations paying for the priceless of faster internet. Only someone who is completely money hungry would think the current debate on net neutrality is anything other than corporations trying to get richer and have more power over the already powerless.

—Kimberly Mathieu, Fort Worth, TX

It is critically important that the internet remain a level playing field for large and small entities alike. It should not be a requirement to be a large corporation so you buy your way on to the internet. Cable providers are already holding the internet captive by refusing to provide adequate bandwidth. Allowing them to further strangle the internet would be unconscionable.

—Michael West, Frisco, TX

When did elected officials quit working for the good of the common citizen? When these oppressive lobbyists started lining their pockets. Protect our freedoms please. Do not be purchased.

—Jason Sizemore, Kings Mountain, NC

It seems like Net Neutrality is the only way to allow small businesses to compete with larger ones. Also new innovations will be throttled without neutrality.

—Sabu Simon, Hicksville, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because I surf the web looking for webcomics. Most of those webcomics aren't making enough money to pay for themselves let alone for a faster connection.

—Jared, Berrien Springs, MI

I've always seen the internet as the last bastion of truly free speech and information in the world. Allowing anyone, private or public, to pick and choose which information has priority access is a violation of everything the internet is supposed to be.

—Adam Penny, Columbia, SC

I believe that neither corporations or the government should be able to censor rightful free speech, and if you think that a website dedicated to bashing Verizon/Comcast/et al will have anywhere near a comfortable speed under a non-Net Neutrality internet, I have a bridge to sell you. Furthermore, allowing internet providers the ability to "charge a fee to get into the fast lane" (i.e. pay to not suck) is essentially a tax levied on newcomers by the internet providers that will do nothing but stifle newcomers. Again, they have to either pay or suck, and last time I checked, new companies didn't have much cash.

—David Ogan, Unionville, CT

**WE NEED EQUALITY! WE NEED FREEDOM!**

—Joe Greenwood, Atlanta, GA

Net Neutrality is important for several reasons, but these are the two that I think are the most pertinent to this case. It would hobble any possibility for competition between tech start-ups and established entities like Netflix. The other reason has to do with service and efficiency. U.S. citizens already pay far more for far worse service than anywhere else in the developed world. Ending Net Neutrality would make things even worse for the consumer having to deal with companies noted for having the worst customer service in the country.

—John Harwell, Huntsville, AL

Because the first amendment guarantees freedom of speech and by limiting who gets what information and making access to certain lines of thinking easier companies could manipulate what information the public has access to. Limiting access to any information is inherently immoral and illegal.

—John Boire, Yorktown Heights, NY

The entity that controls the flow of information controls the world. Equal access is the only way to maintain power with the people rather than governments and corporations.

—Maria Stahl, Montpelier, OH

The internet is the last open forum. The Cable companies just want to manipulate speeds so they can choose which websites people can get to and charge more money for that privilege. Please don't let them finagle even more money out of people!

—Emily Hildreth, Arvada, CO

Net Neutrality keeps the Internet as a place where anyone can have an audience; a non-neutral Internet would result in corporations restricting people's access to content that the corporations don't want anyone to see. The Internet is one of the last vestiges of free speech.

—Chad Nathaniel Schimmel, State College, PA

The internet is a forum where even the smallest voice can be heard; it should remain that way. Also, forcing people/companies to pay for faster service would be detrimental to the millions of small owners already operating on razor thin margins.

—Ashley Hutson, Florida, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because as a student, I must use hundreds of sites everyday for papers, reports, and homework assignments, and without net neutrality, I could lose all of that, thus making me gain less knowledge in college. You guys are awesome by the way!

—Nicholas Toth, Mobile, AL

Ending Net Neutrality is the worst idea since leaded gasoline. We need net neutrality, its a huge component of the economy and has paved the way for many large corporations - all of which started out small. The net is one of the few places a self-made-man can strike at rich anymore, and that is ONLY because of net neutrality.

—Rick Austinson, Camarillo, CA

The Internet is supposed to be a service for the free exchange of ideas. It is supposed to connect humanity. Allowing ISPs to charge for so-called "fast lanes" for no other reason than to pile on more profits for the benefit of no one but the companies goes against everything the Internet even exists for. Customers already pay for the traffic they're using. It is not fair to anyone to charge a customer and a website twice for the same traffic. If they are allowed to do this, what's to stop them from creating artificial bottlenecks to sites they are in competition with or don't agree with ideologically? Save the internet, not the broadband companies.

—Robert Hudson, Pooler, GA

Please, please, please keep the Internet free for innovation!

—Anthony Anderson, Minot, ND

Net Neutrality fosters competition and allows for healthy growth and turnover in the online-industry. Removing it would entrench the current technology, and slow down innovation.

—Pauline Breeden, Chatsworth, CA

Being owned by big money companies should not determine whether or not a site is allowed to prosper!!

—Abby, Columbus, OH

In a day and age where more and more information is becoming digital, the right to access that information must be protected. This protection has to come in the form of Net Neutrality - as the companies themselves cannot be trusted with the burden of protecting the masses when the temptation of padding the bottom line poses a direct conflict.

—Nick Varga, pewaukee, WI

The ability to access any site should not be restricted/throttled because large corporations are more interested in increased profits instead of improving customer relations and service.

—Michael Greer, Lawrence, KS

I'm paying for high speed internet, not just high speed access to wealthy sites.

—Sean, Indianapolis, IN

This feels like a violation of my constitutional rights. When and if I make a statement of free speech online there should be no provider slowing down the venue I used because they feel it's of little importance.

—Christopher Drain, Portland, OR

It's fucking important to me

—Ian Elliott, Bloomfield, NJ

The entire reason that senators get elected, rather than chosen by state governments, is to prevent a "Millionaire's Club" from happening again, where only the individuals with money are the ones that have their voices heard. Net Neutrality ensures that this happens for the internet because, let's be honest, cable companies are going to charge websites for decent connection to their patrons. Cable companies already charge ridiculous prices for internet (as evidenced by Google being able to provide the same internet speeds for free, after an installation cost), and do their best to strong-arm consumers into spending extra money, practices that could generally be seen as greedy. Because they are. Because cable companies are greedy and will do their best to make sure that they profit off of the removal of Net Neutrality.

—Nicholas Smith, Brecksville, OH

Never has there been something the American people have so clearly opposed as the elimination of Net Neutrality. Creating legislature that would end the argument over Net Neutrality would be an historic achievement for the FCC and the United States as a whole. The internet has come to be recognized as a public forum and restricting anyone's ability to speak on it is in direct violation of the First Amendment.

—Nick Saucedo, Orange, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because it would be refreshing to see rich assholes and the politicians they own NOT screw everyone else over for a change.

—Harris McCabe, Los Angeles, CA

At this point in time the internet is an integral part of free speech and removing this would allow corporations to choose which sites can and can't work properly. This stacks the deck in favor of anyone who doesn't have millions of dollars to buy these guys off.

—Abraham, Forest Grove, OR

If you get rid of net neutrality, only people with money will be able to compete because if you don't have money, your web site will run slowly and who enjoys slow internet? Do the RIGHT thing and keep net neutrality going! Thanks

—Jeff, Westport, CT

Net Neutrality is important to me because, as a poor college student, I need to save money where ever I can.

—Gunner Taylor, Georgetown, TX

It is not a free internet in the modern digital society when several corporations have the control to run it for their best interests. The internet has modernized as should our laws.

—Eddie Miller, Duarte, CA

Without net neutrality, the even playing field that makes the internet such a beautiful and powerful tool for everything from self-expression to small business development would be destroyed. Allowing these ISPs to create "fast-lanes" is an endorsement of fundamental inequality.

—Ryan M, Auburn, AL

Because Freedom of Speech should not be bought and sold! I have the right to wade through the swamps of unintelligent webpages and YouTube comments! Don't take that away from me!

—Bernadette Marchett, Palm Coast, FL

The internet is among the most important inventions mankind has ever arrived at, and it has become essential to the lives of individuals and business across America. If net neutrality were neutralized, it would mean nothing short of relentless power abuse from large companies to the detriment of the common man and smaller businesses. The internet will play an instrumental part in humanity's future. Don't be remembered as the the ones who failed to defend it.

—Jan Travis, Plainville, MA

Cable companies have recently been doing a fantastic job of giving us, the people, terrible service at much higher rates. They have been slow to respond to complaints, and now they're trying to, essentially, regulate the internet. It's bad enough that cable companies virtually have a monopoly on said service. Now the same people, the presidents of comcast, AT&T, and verizon are lobbying to do away with net neutrality all to make a quick buck. And why? The cable company is in a golden age right now. On top of that, they've used almost every dirty trick in the book from lobbysts to creating groups, of which they're all apart of, to say that net neutrality is basically the devil. I don't support this. I can't support this. This is just greed, plain and simple. Please don't let them get away with it. Please stop them.

—Matt, Lexington, KY

Net neutrality needs to stay neutral. the big businesses like At&T and Verizon and Comcast don't need anymore power especially concerning the internet. if they want to play in cyberspace, then they need to man up and realize that they aren't and shouldn't be allowed to take everyone's toys and then hand them out to whom they deem 'worthy'. The Internet is not Game of Thrones, and they sure as hell aren't sitting on the Iron Throne. Deal with it.

—Jason, Valrico, FL

The internet has changed the free-world for the better and restricting access to content and providers based on a "pay-to-win" business model does nothing to benefit the greater good of all mankind.

—Robert Norrick, Hammond, IN

We need more regulation and enforcement, not less. The big providers have consistently proven they care only for their own profit, and nothing for the public interest. They need a regulatory smack-up-side-the-head, not to be given precedent to choose whose information is more worthy. Internet architecture is now infrastructure absolutely vital to our economy, and should never have been privatized in the first place - but as it has been, its "owners" must acknowledge that they are meant to manage it in the public trust, and it in not clear cut private property with which they can do as they please.

—Michael, Upton, MA, MA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it creates a even playing field where the guys with all the money don't have the power to make all the decisions. Keep things as they are. Don't change them. Hail Hydra.

—Jeffrey Jones, Calumet Park, IL

Net neutrality is important because it's what makes the internet to be a weirdly even place. If the internet want even for everyone, than startups would fail, as they were crushed by unfair startup costs. Internet service providers would turn, if they aren't already, into mafia style organizations, where you pay "protection money" to stay in business as long as you follow their requirements. If you start a business, but can't pay the mafia, good luck staying in business. ISP's might say they'll never do that. But their track record shows they are liars. They've held Netflix out to ransom, a company which they also compete with, so once you get rid of net neutrality, they will crush them. The only thing they care about is profits, as shown by their falling investment in infrastructure and complete disregard for customer service. But why care about that when most cable companies dint compete with each other. Where I live you can get comcast, and maybe AT&T, if they think it profitable to have you. But the costs and quality of service for both are insane. How is it that I have a slower and more expensive service than someone in Romania? Because ISP's are monopolies, which care little about net neutrality, because it doesn't let them maximize their profits.

—Razvan Burghiu, Ypsilanti, MI

Net neutrality is imortant as it is needed to be a truly free society in the 21st century

—Tom, big sky, MT

Net neutrality ensures that those who are well off can't buy more "free speech" than the rest of us. I don't want a cable company deciding what is easy to access on the internet (via paying for faster download speeds). This is a way of controlling the message with money, plain and simple.

—Shawn Roderick, Poulsbo, WA

Net Neutrality allows users, like myself, to select the content that we want to watch. Ending Net Neutrality will take right away and give it to the people who are pushing particular internet sites on to us.

—Jesse Mahn, Central, SC

Internet service is essential to productive life. I would challenge the US Congress to cancel all internet use for 30 days to prove that point. As it is so essential, it forces the consumer to pay out the nose to use it. Internet connectivity is as important as electricity and gas and allowing ISPs to have unregulated control will pick the pocket of the average American.

—Justin Roberts, Anywhere, CA

Because I already pay not one, but two cable companies exorbitant amounts for services that I more than half the time don't receive and the last thing they need is a chance to charge us all more money to get a supposedly functional version of what they already can't guarantee.

—Michael Whelan, Marshall, TX

there is already no competition between cable and internet providers do not make it worse.

—Chris swan, Redford, MI

Net Neutrality is an absolute necessity to the American public and cable companies need to be regulated in order to ensure that the citizens of this country are provided with service that has become a standard part of the American lifestyle. Broadband internet service has unequivocally become a public utility and the citizens of this nation deserve to have the same protections and guarantees they get from other standard, public utilities. Please do everything in your power to defend and promote net neutrality!

—Stan Zitek, Oshkosh, WI

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe in fair play for all who use the internet. I believe that COMCAST, AT&T, Time Warner, Verizon among other intend to tighten their grip on this monopoly of theirs even more for the sole purpose of increasing their revenues. They have NO INTEREST in "protecting" the 1st and 5th Amendments through the internet, people with disabilities needs. They have free reign enough as it is, barely being regulated with how they conduct themselves business wise. Let this not be one more aspect of everyone's lives they seek to control for the sake of lining their greedy pockets further.

—Jose Ramirez Jr., San Marcos, TX

It is not right for us to officially grant the wealthy and well-connected a bigger voice than those without said resources. It would allow powerful and well-funded organizations to mute their detractors, because the detractors' websites are probably unrealistically slow to access. Also, often I visit websites not run by wealthy organizations.

—Kevin Peng, ,

It's simple - the abolition of net neutrality would essentially mean that cable companies get to decide exactly how important my first amendment rights are, or to be more precise, they let the almighty dollar decide that for me. In a world ruled by money, in a world where Internet access has been declared a BASIC HUMAN RIGHT, wouldn't an abolition of net neutrality be considered counter productive? Protect OUR freedom of speech. This is a slippery slope. Are people really willing to let this happen just so a few greedy suits and ties can have a few more million dollars added to their net worth? Humans that support this motion are scum.

—Michael, San Diego, CA

Please do not give in to the cable company lobbyists. It is scary how much they are spending to eliminate net neutrality. The current Internet is an amazing source of innovation with level playing fields for all businesses. Please keep it that way by preserving net neutrality principles of equal Internet for all.

—Chris Horton, Portsmouth, VA

The public is not served by allowing ISPs to charge content providers for faster delivery. Knocking down Net Neutrality is an anti-democratic corporate money-grab. Keep the net neutral.

—Sandford Parker, Gainesville, FL

The internet has become the primary way that the public connects and communicates. Allowing internet/telecom providers to tier traffic, favor certain content, or accept payment for preferential treatment of traffic is a bad idea. Any change in this regard, away from the intentions of the Open Internet Order, will lead to stagnation in the development of internet technologies and ensure that those company's that can pay the most maintain their current marketplace standing. This will be incredibly harmful to the consumer and the public good. ISPs should be classified as common carriers to ensure that this can not happen. There is already a scarce number of ISP provider options for consumers in local markets. Enhancing the providers' abilities to edit speed and content will further reduce competition and innovation.

—Greg Lysko, Downingtown, PA

A free and open internet will keep innovation flowing. It will allow startups to continue to flourish. Monopolies like Comcast and Time Warner will only get bigger and more powerful if we let Tom Wheeler have his way. Tom Wheeler is a dishonest lying sack of garbage, who is only looking to get richer after he leaves he post as FCC Chairman. He is NOT acting in the best interest of the American people. If Net Neutrality is reversed, internet access will get more expensive.

—Scott Siddall, Fenton, MI

In the 21st century, the internet has become one of our primary communications mediums, for some even more so than the telephone, or in conjunction with it (through smartphones). My family in the United States uses Skype to communicate with our family overseas (primarily in Haiti), as do many families, especially those with family members deployed with the military. Now, most internet service providers, including my own, also offer pricey home phone service and long-distance calling packages, and they push customers heavily to "bundle" with those services, offering deep discounts because most people don't use them anymore. If net neutrality is eliminated, what is to stop these companies from slowing down the Skype service to levels that are unusable for international communication, especially in developing countries, to push customers into buying the long-distance packages (even cell companies like Verizon charge for international calling)? Or charging customers more for a "premium" package that included access to services like Skype? Or making Skype pay exorbitant charges to have the service run normally, passing those costs onto the users, or even driving it out of business altogether? Imagine if this had happened to the telephone in its early days; we might still be paying AT&T or Western Union by the word because it would cost too much to make a phone call. I know that's a bit of hyperbole, but I don't think it is as much of a stretch as it might seem. This is just one small example of why, as a primary communication medium, the internet should be classified and regulated as a public utility. I don't know why corporations still insist that they have the public's best interests at heart, because time has proven again and again that they don't, which is why we rely on oversight groups such as the FCC to look out for us instead. Please save Net Neutrality and keep the internet open for all.

—Catherine White, Mesa, AZ

Well i like the internet to not be the mishandled pile of garbage that is evey other mostly unregulated thing. Also i will give up on america and move to canada.

—Daniel Levin, Los Angeles, CA

Net neutrality allows us to choose what websites we want to frequent, and doesn't penalize us for those choices. If companies can regulate which websites load faster, and which move slower, an obvious issue in power would be intentionally making the websites of companies that compete with those who regulate the internet speed load much slower. This penalizes the users for their decision to look at competitive companies.

—Logan, Lake Worth, FL

I want my freedom from the government that they are trying to take away

—Travis Phillips, camas, WA

Net neutrality is critical for Americans to support and defend as we are the model for freedom of speech, open and fair markets and just access to education, voting booths and other collective assets.

—Julie Noble, Bethesda, MD

Great, thanks for sharing this article. Really Cool. kdakgbdebafa

—Johng230, Oakland, VA

Hello! Do you use Twitter? I'd like to follow you if that would be okay. I'm undoubtedly enjoying your blog and look forward to new posts.  
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—Johnc142, Oakland, VA

The internet provides a place where every person has equal voice. The spread of high speed connections and 3G networks have only increased access. It would be counterproductive and potentially dangerous for gates and gatekeepers based on profit to suddenly spring up. Usability studies have shown that a site's load times and performance are vital to visitors remaining and using the site. A website forced to load artificially slowly could be robbed of all of its traffic as a result.

—Sarah Letham, WOODLAND HILLS, CA

The most basic point for making broadband a public utility and keeping the internet neutral is this: imagine if the phone companies decided who you can and cannot talk to. Because your friend Steve doesn't use your same carrier, you can't talk to him. Simple as that. There are really no solid, nuanced arguments against net neutrality that can't be refuted by this simple analogy. Keep it neutral and the internet companies will survive and make money still. Why limit the freedoms of billions just to please a few?

—Jason Bavinck, Green Bay, WI

If we lose net neutrality we'll most likely enter a dark age of the internet, so to speak, and progress in many ways will have slowed.. Don't let indoctrination delude you, we need an indiscriminate internet as much as we need freedom.. Someday we may find our answer to many of life's problems in a website that doesn't yet exist and the only thing stopping it would be there lack of money to compete with already established websites..

—Stanford Wylie, New York, NY

Because the woman that runs the cooking recipe blog I like to read shouldn't have to pay big bucks to service providers just so her page loads in a timely fashion.

—Matthew Bowden, conneaut, OH

Dear FCC, Why do you allow the continued consolidation of power in the hands of just a few companies without giving them significant additional regulatory responsibilities? Why are we allowing the Ma Bell monopoly to be reconstructed here? This is not a bright future. It does not promote innovation or freedom of speech. Seriously Concerned, Tim

—Tim Wendland, Damascus, MD

I want the internet to remain, free and open as it is and as it has been for all of these years. Regulating the internet so that certain companies can create higher priced "fast lanes" for user access is definitely not a good idea. The internet is not broken. Do not regulate it so that only the big players enjoy full benefits. Thank you. MEL

—Melvin Ah Ching, Honolulu, HI

I feel that allowing the service providers to charge for usage will stifle inovation. The next Google or Yahoo will not be able to get off the ground because they will not be able to afford the bandwidth for their business.

—Norman Connard, Elkview, WV

Net Neutrality is essential to a level playing field on the internet. Allowing large businesses, like Comcast, to buy a "fast lane" on the internet while small, start-up or mom-and-pop businesses must use a "slow lane" for lack of funds is unAmerican and against the general tenets of a free, open market. Don't let big business in America buy the internet!

—Becky Easley, Sundance, WY

With such corporate influence taking over our lives, it is important to find web sites that promote free thinking. Believe it or not, MONEY is not society's biggest value!

—Barry Weisband, brooklyn, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me to prevent unfair pricing practices by large corporations. Big corporations should not have influence over the content to which we have access.

—Mary Beth Johnson, Fort Collins, CO

Let's let the rich get richer by charging the common people more money yet again. That sounds like a fantastic idea. They own the infrastructure, yes, but are simply looking for a way to ring every last penny out of whoever they can. That kind of corporate greed needs to be cut down at the knees.

—Lyndon Coutts, Minot, ND

The internet is built on open standards. If we don't protect that way of innovation the internet will become a corporate bureaucracy that will smother any innovative idea's. I support net Neutrality and the hands off approach that the government has had on the growth of the internet. The internet is built for the people and needs to be protected by the people.

—Timothy James Reed, Nunica, MI

We should be able to get ANY information at ANY speed. In any other instance, we would switch carriers, but ISPs have a MONOPOLY in America.

—Valencia Dawson, irving, TX

It is essential that all content is allowed to move across the internet at the same speed and that everyone has access no matter what their financial status. Also, the internet is a public good and should be regulated to ensure equal access. Without such regulation we could end up with a society of internet haves and have nots.

—Lorraine Branham, Fayetteville, NY

Without net neutrality, startups will be choked out by larger companies. We will have no more YouTubes, no more Facebooks, no more Twitters, and no competitors... Ever, since they existing companies will pay to have a faster connection.

—Luke Miller, New Carlisle, OH

The internet is revolutionary because it enables everyone with access to be on equal footing. Money shouldn't have the ability to strangle the internet like it strangles the real world. Fight the power!

—Becket, Columbus, OH

Ending net neutrality allows huge corporations to decide which websites are more important than others. No one but the end user should be able to make that decision.

—Chris Miller, North Port, FL

Please don't ruin my (and many others) American dream of having an internet-based startup business.

—Mary Wojcik, Plymouth, IN

The Internet is a voice and an ear for many; and if you allow voices to be muted and ears to be stopped up you have just trod on the 1st amendment. I cannot fully express how important this is; above is only a simple legal argument; the moral arguments are much stronger and more important.

—Monique, Boise, ID

It allows equal access to vast archives of information on the internet.

—Drew, Pittsburgh, PA

Please protect net neutrality! We need to bring the public's utilities and means of production into the public's control, and ending net neutrality would certainly be a step in the wrong direction. Please don't let the cable company 1 percenters tell you otherwise.

—Joseph Natter, Lexington, KY

I read that if Verizon and Comcast get their way and throw out net neutrality then people in rural areas will suffer from slower internet speed. How is that fair?

—Justin Stokes, Butler, OH

Net Neutrality was the base for free speech in the modern age, especially since a few dozen corporations have newspapers, television, and film all to themselves, which crowds all the other voices out. If cable companies are given the power to regulate the internet as proposed, they'll just use them to become obscenely rich, and starve out any views that they don't like. It should go without saying how dangerous that power is for a free country. If, for example, Comcast didn't like what a blogger was saying, all they would have to do would be to set up roadblocks to cut them off from everybody, effectively censoring him. "If you give any one man the power to control speech, the power to abuse it becomes overwhelming, and free speech isn't free anymore." (Sid Meier)

—Joey Redlin, Round Lake Beach, IL

So that no matter the source, everything load at a reasonable speed. So that grimy mega corps don't make even more money off of terrible practices

—Aaron, Tuscaloosa, AL

I'm the little guy in this. I know what net neutrality is and I know what Verizon and gang plan to do to kill it. They may argue that it's their lines and their internet and their service but it's not like we have a choice now do we? I have a choice of Cox, AT&T, and...AT&T. That's cable, UVerse (it's not really fiber. I work in the field and I know the difference), and DSL. So if I don't like Cox I have to go with AT&T. And who are we kidding? AT&T is awful. Just truly awful. While I'm being rather PG in this (trust me, that's not me) in the end it doesn't really matter. Because no one will read this and besides Tom Wheeler, your Chairman, used to be-oh who are we kidding he still is- a lobbyist for the big telecom companies. I'm just going to get a thank you for taking it up the ass citizen email for this and the big corporations will win. But I hope someone will read this and maybe Tom himself can answer a few questions for me. When Verizon has it's dick in your mouth, do they at least put their hand on your head to make you feel special? Does their dick taste like santorum (look it up) from all of the ass fucking Verizon and Comcast have single handedly done to all of their customers? I live in a paper mill town growing up and on rainy days you could smell it for miles. When my grandfather work there he used to say it was the smell of eggs and bacon. So does that santorum covered Telecom dick taste like eggs and bacon to you Mr. Wheeler? Thank you and have a nice day.

—Brian Parker, Baker, LA

I want the internet providers to treat all sites equal. I do not want a monopoly on my internet.

—Katherine Carlson, kent, WA

We do NOT trust billionaire greedy men in suits to boss us around and make us pay for 21st century technology. End of story.

—Samson Tamijani, Houston, TX

net neutrality is important because it is the only real way to have a chance at making giant cable companies responsible for their actions, the best way to impose regulations on these companies, and the way the internet has been and should always be enjoyed.

—Matt Kamholz, Randolph, NJ

The internet was created with the intention of being a free source to exchange thoughts and information. These cable companies make enough money by providing not just internet, but phone and television service as well. They do not need any more money, they are simply greedy corporate gluttons who treat the average man like a personal piggy bank. Do not let them destroy the internet just so they can make a few more dollars.

—Steven Niciforo, East Islip, NY

Please don't allow corporate greed to interfere with the greatest human innovation of all time. We possess, right now, a free flow of information and communication unprecedented in history. Keeping net neutrality will pay off more in the long run than bowing to these corporations who do not have the best interest of the American public at heart.

—Antoine Coetzee, Sherman Oaks, CA

Please keep the net neutral for generations to come. The internet was meant for sharing ideas. I don't want to see it manipulated from the pig pockets.

—Athalie Sosa, Imperial, CA

I think it is important for me to be able to access, not just the big name sites, but also the new upstart sites online, unhindered.

—Jeremy L Winn, Salem, OR

So everyone can have an equal chance to educate ourselves

—William, salem, OR

It's not all about money! Adapt or fall behind, guys.. You're doing more harm than good.

—Terrance McDonald, Eagan, MN

The internet is an abundant source of impartial and unbiased information (all sides of an argument is represented). If net neutrality is taken away, private companies will have the power to manipulate the transfer and quality of knowledge and information to what benefits them.

—Pauline e., kihei, HI

Giving big companies free reign to make people pay for their website speed is ludicrous.

—Adrienne Tetla, Redmond, WA

Lobbying is one of the biggest problems in the government. No one should be able to buy their way. I don't know how much any amount of public outcry will help however, since the new head of the FCC is an ex-lobbyist and basically a corporate stooge.

—Brylan Ranscht, San Diego, CA

Corporations and big businesses purely want to control this market for the sake of their own profits, and this technology is the foundation of the future of humanity. Time and time again Capitalism is irresponsible and externalizes the consequences of their actions onto citizens. Net Neutrality is one of the last forms of free expression that people have and by giving this up, we enable large businesses to strip us of our ability to think freely. Net Neutrality is the foundation of this, because limiting access to information eventually will erode away basic rights to ALL information or will direct people to information that has been predetermined instead of allowing us the Choice.

—Aaron Butler, Royal Palm Beach, FL

Net Neutrality should remain for us in America, please don't let us down.

—Thomas Scovens, Lauderhill, FL

Net neutrality is important because we use it to access new information for learning, research, science, literature. Too much of the modernised market relies on the internet for it to be taken away. Those who cannot afford school can at least learn on the internet.

—Swankery@gmailcom Swank, Templeton, CA

It wouldn't be fair to people to have to pay for different services. If I had to pay separately to access my websites for school and as well as pay for fun websites I wouldn't pay at all and just do something else with my time.

—Tiffany, Avoca, MI

Net neutrality keeps it so that small businesses and amateur websites can be looked at, so those who use the "world wide web" can still do so.. Without having to pay fees that many of us cannot afford.

—Amanda C., Clover, SC

Because this makes it harder for everyone to be able to access the resources they need on the internet - particularly the people who don't have \$50 to spare and would rather spend it on feeding their family or paying the heat bills.

—Carmen, Hampton, VA

Our founding fathers would support this.

—Oladele Moore, Inglewood, CA

Net Neutrality is important. You may see this as an opinion, but I see it as more. I see it as a statement of bearing; a statement that means something, because it does. Net neutrality means freedom. Net neutrality means that I can go on to YouTube and search for videos that help me to learn when my teacher doesn't explain something in a way I can understand it. It means that I can search for people that have the same issues as I do, and find opinions and strategies of how to get through said problems. It means that I can watch something that makes me feel at home when I just flew half way across the world alone. Net neutrality means that I can feel like a part of a community, and not worry about that community being shut down or restricted. Net neutrality means that creative minds don't have to worry about the band with that their site takes up. Net neutrality means that the universe is the limit, because the universe has no limit.

—Kaitlynn Hintz, Russellville, AL

A country that used to be for the people by the people can now be summed up as being by corporations for corporations. Please lets save this one last vestige of freedom we have left.

—Caleb Carriere, Lafayette, IN

I do not understand why the government is considering allowing several people complete control over what people are able to access. No one except for the people who would make money off this is in support of allowing cable companies to build their own little empire. So let's see, something that a handful of people with a lot of money want vs something that a vast majority of the people want... I don't understand why this is a tough call. But if the cable companies are really hurting for money, they could... perhaps stop throwing money at this campaign to end net neutrality. But since they have all the money to spend on lobbyists and the like, I really can't find any sympathy for their plea: "But we're not making enough money" I thought that we didn't like dictatorships. Isn't that why we keep getting involved in military action in other countries? Net Neutrality is so inherently a great example of the american dream - that anyone can achieve anything if they work hard at it - that I'm shocked that you'd even consider abolishing it. It's very unpatriotic.

—Jill, Milwaukee, WI

If you (the FCC) ever think that listening to the people (cable companies) that have all the money, power and interest in keeping it that way, is a good idea, then you have none of the objectivity required for your job.

—Andrew Lenentine, plymouth, NH

Because cable companies can, and will (as demonstrated by their pricing plans and obtusity to consumers demands throughout the years) continue to raise prices and screw everyone over. I should NOT have to pay more for the frickin internet because CEOs want to lobby for more money.

—Katherine, Detroit, MI

I should not be forced to pay extra for specific content. I pay for a service, not for someone else to filter and choose what I want/get to see and do. This is unconstitutional.

—Brian Allen, Salt Lake City, UT

Our culture today is moving in a direction of greater communication and connection. To end net neutrality would be an act that harms everyone. Please do not give in to the cable companies who are largely doing this to line their own pocketbooks.

—Quintin Cundiff, Reedsport, OR

Corporations will not do what's best for humanity or our economy. They only do whatever is best for them. In the case of net neutrality, demanding a higher fee for the same Internet services will become the norm, those unwilling to pay the fee will suffer horrible Internet access. Access to the Internet needs to remain low cost and attainable for the future of global commerce

—Quinton, Collegeville, PA

Net Neutrality should pave the way towards the future - a future that continues with positive technological movement that's centered around information and making it easier to access. Doing away with said process is a gigantic and asinine step in the wrong direction. As an avid technologist I find the anti net neutrality sentiment one of the more dinosauric and shamelessly corporatist actions in recent history, and that's saying something.

—Kevin LaVelle, Levittown, NY

I operate a small local ISP in Ashland, Oregon. I compete against multibillion dollar companies because I can. Because of Net Neutrality. If you change it and only the large carriers are given the ability to split up the internet for the best experience, you will be eliminating the local option. It's not just about the highway, it's about the ownership. When the private conglomerates are the only providers of TV and Internet content, you will have allowed the creation of the largest monopoly in history. We should stop thinking about broadband, internet and wireless as separate entities with separate rules. It's all the same. Infrastructure is like electricity and water. Requirements for any community to survive in today's modern world. I hope you pay attention to those of us that your ruling affects. Please keep the internet neutral.

—Jim Teece, Ashland, OR

I am absolutely infuriated by this campaign to end Net Neutrality. Bandwidth is not a limited resource and giving control of it to greedy cable companies that are essentially acting like mafia - extorting money from private citizens and businesses while promoting only their own interests - would be a huge mistake.

—Kristina Crossley, Milner, GA

Net Neutrality is necessary for the advancement of society. The free exchange of ideas should never be curtailed in the name of profit.

—David Whisnant, Irving, TX

Once the internet goes...the first & fourth amendments are history. We will no longer have the free speech or privacy which has made this country great.

—Carolyn Feldman, Burbank, CA

I work a minimum wage job, I don't have money to pay for this.

—Jaimes Rogers, Las Cruces, NM

no... just.. no. This is ridiculous.

—Katie, Huntley, IL

net neutrality is very important to me and a lot of other people. do you realize that some people can't afford things like this? that they have the most basic internet that they can afford? some people really do not have the money to pay 50 dollars to go on every website. that is ridiculous and overpriced to say the least.

—Joanne, plaquemine, LA

Giving a company the ability to arbitrarily adjust the speed at which a page loads gives them too much power and makes it so that free websites would be almost impossible to see. It could give these companies the ability to kill other companies if they don't pay up. This is like allowing these cable companies yo act like mobsters and to demand protection money...or else.

—Ellieana Southard, Del rio, TX

I need net neutrality because it is one of the few ways I can be differentiated from a value in a cable company's records on how much profit I've netted them, and instead have the freedom to be an individual.

—Luke Hanrahan, South Elgin, IL

The internet was created to help educate the world, and make enterprise easier. If they want to go through with this, than they can be responsible for the economy going into a depression. They can be held accountable for the loss of easy help. They are trying to rule the internet empire, which in turn rules the people in this generation, but instead they are going to just ruin themselves.

—Samantha Spliethof, pheonix, OR

It's important because the internet is supposed to be a neutral zone. Where people from everywhere can meet. It is information at the edges of our fingertips. Love behind a keyboard. Creativity shared with everyone. Those who think they're alone will always be able to find /someone/ on the internet. We chat, we socialize, we connect. It is a powerful place and to try and control it will only serve to isolate people and countries even further.

—Jennifer Patterson, Hiram, GA

because i'm a kid with no money and i need the internet to keep up with my friends i can't meet

—Sanna, Helsinki, AL

Building Internet fast lanes and slow lanes will completely block off any and all new-coming websites and web designers from being able to flourish. A great thing about the internet? Why so many people use it? Is because it's free and equal. Capitalism, believe it or not, isn't actually a good policy and it only helps to keep the poor, poor and the rich, rich. Destroying net neutrality is taking away the rights of those who use it or find a need for it, like small businesses to advertise themselves.

—Shannon, Bloomfield Hills, MI

because i dont want to have to spend more money that i dont have

—Nicole MacLas, elizabeth, NJ

Leave the Internet alone please.

—Abby Laporte, Monkton, MD

Why this FCC? Why? I want my freedom.

—Jennifer Alpiste, Miami, FL

please no why thats

—Clou, Wellington, CA

We must maintain access to the websites we use everyday in order to communicate, express our interests, and collect necessary information easily and efficiently without a monetary obligation that many may not be able to, or want to, pay for.

—Alex Castillo, Long Beach, CA

If we are paid to use certain parts of the internet, it will become difficult for those who can barely afford it to keep their internet service.

—Faith Blandin, Chicago, IL

I use the internet for a lot of things and not just for "goofing off" as ignorant people might put it.

—Cas, Ventura, CA

i dont want to have to pay to send a work email in a job i wish i didnt have

—Erin Jagyah, rancho cuccamonga, CA

The idea of making people pay to get on websites is like trying to control the internet. Thus, removing freedoms. Which is not what America does, or should stand for

—Lauren, Columbia, TN

It's called the World-Wide-Web for a reason.

—Britta, Old Forge, NY

The internet is a necessity that should not be treated like this.

—Jacob, Bellevue, MI

The World Wide Web won't be so world wide anymore if we have to pay for certain sites. I already pay for Internet, why should I need to pay even more for individual website access?

—Scott Lory, Hollywood, CA

Breaking our backs just to get by and this is what we're faced with? Paying for internet means it's harder for small business to begin and continue running online. You're only pending your own fall.

—Amanda, Bethpage, NY

The internet is for everyone to use. We the people of the wide world should not have to pay (or pay EXTRA) to access what we ALL have a right to.

—Rebecca Hall, Pittsburgh, PA

My family and I can't afford more than we are already paying to keep in contact with friends and family or for my siblings and myself to research important topics for schoolwork. Keep the net neutral.

—Grace Kelley, Swanzey, NH

Since I speak multiple languages, I want to be able to get on different countries websites. The thing that bothers me is paying a fee to enter websites certain areas. The area in which I want access to were all founded in different continents.

—Gisele, Port hueneme, CA

Net Neutrality makes everyone equal on the internet, and charging extra would create a divide between those who could afford it and those who couldn't.

—James, Wellington, OR

The world wide web won't be so world wide anymore.

—Wenjie Li, Henderson, NV

I believe that net neutrality is the one thing that corporations should not tamper with. The internet should be accessible to anyone, regardless of status.

—Alex Truman, Charlotte, NC

The internet is one of the few ways I can access and educate myself about world issues and events that, quite frankly, often go ignored by America's news networks. Also, ending net neutrality would only further stratifying our educational system and oppress the financially lacking people in our nation. The internet helps many people who can't afford traditional college education to access information and learn skills, and many people who are in college need to be able to have unrestricted access to the internet because of the absurd financial burden of student loans.

—Maria Rosado, Edgewood, KY

Internet is a human right. Some people who can't pay for certain sites will fall behind in most social situations since a lot of things relies on having access to internet.

—Karen Anderson, new york city, NY

I can't conduct business on an internet that I have to pay ridiculous prices just for the use of all the sites on it.

—Evert Anglin, Chesapeake, VA

Net Neutrality is important to me because otherwise new competitors will be slowed down or blocked out of existence.

—Cecil Kreider, Lancaster, PA

what is this garbage? this can't seriously be happening

—Katherine M, yaoi hills, VA

If they make it so you have to pay access some websites a lot of people won't be able to use the internet because of financial struggles or small businesses will be hurt by having to pay service providers

—Allison, Bakersfield, CA

come on man, we already pay enough for our heating bills. why add more money on.

—John, barstow, MD

We need internet to be free for all.

—Arausi, Juneau,

Not only does it make it harder for people to afford/access certain websites, but it will make it harder for small businesses and amature websites to continue running online. They will be expected to pay service providers in order to make their site accessible to the public. So this works both ways when it comes to hurting online freedom and communication.

—Amanda Hill, Falls Church, VA

The Internet has always been a place of equal ground and freedom. Net Neutrality is the best method to keep it that way, and it NEEDS to be kept that way.

—Brett Ferree, Salt Lake City, UT

This is nauseating. The fact that the nation wishes to turn the freedom of speech into a commodity is disgusting. Rights are called rights for a reason, and the open internet operates on such principles.

—Stephanie Young, Ewing, NJ

Net Neutrality is SUPER important to me because I don't even know what it means. I guess this website is made just for making some extra money, and that's what I like about it. I'd also like to mention that the 'DONATE' button doesn't work, and instead of fixing it, you'd be better off if you removed it, since it won't be used at all. Also good to know: This message isn't worth reading at all. It's total bullshit since I don't have anything better to do. Maybe.. I should've told that before. Well, too late! :-)

—ScOp3\_, New York, OH

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want to be able to access the sites of small businesses. Please consider the harm a lack of net neutrality would do to capitalism.

—Jimmy Patterson, Northfield, MN

why would i want to pay money i dont have for something i used for free my entire life. Why would i want to do that. literally nobody wants to do that except big name companies who only care about how much cash they can bring in.

—Gabriel, sparks, NV

"...if the federal government stops enforcing rules to keep the pipelines free and open, then certain companies will be able to get greater access to Internet users. That, they say, creates a system of haves and have-nots — the richest companies could get access to a wider swath of Internet users, for example, and that could prevent the next Google from getting off the ground. Judge David Tatel, who was part of the three-judge panel, said that striking down net neutrality could have negative effects on consumers. 'The commission has adequately supported and explained its conclusion that absent rules such as those set forth in the Open Internet Order, broadband providers represent a threat to Internet openness and could act in ways that would ultimately inhibit the speed and extent of future broadband deployment,' he said, adding that broadband companies have 'powerful incentives' to charge for prioritized access or to exclude services that competed with their own offerings." Hu, Elise. "Feds Can't Enforce Net Neutrality: What This Means For You." NPR. NPR, n.d. Web. 30 June 2014.

—Angel, Burlison, TX

Small business is going to be the saviour of our economy. Making it difficult for the public to access these businesses and modes of advertisement is only going to hurt us in our economic struggle.

—Lesly Pollock, north providence, RI

Accessing websites easily, whether social media or for school-work, is an extremely important part of my life. It allows me to find important information quickly, and to stay in contact with good friends that I no longer live near.

—Emma Butterworth, Montpelier, VA

I DO NOT WANT TO PAY

—Kate, hopatcong, NJ

This is totally not chill

—Vincent Stark, Overland Park, KS

People should not have to pay extra in the future for being able to go on certain sites. If people already have to pay for home internet (i.e. wifi), then we definitely should not have to pay separately for what we want to go on. This would also be highly unfair for people who could not afford this ridiculous plan which discriminates against the lower wage class and highly favors the rich

—Victoria, Monrovia, CA

I want internet freedom and justice

—Madison Palone, Waynesburg, PA

For those of us that do not have much money, it would completely shut us off from meeting new people online, reading important sources that broaden our world view, and help us become better people.

—Maeleen Arce, RUSSELLVILLE, AR

The internet is where I have most of my important relationships occur. It's how I keep in touch with my family when I am away, and it's how I keep in touch with my friends now that we're all in college. Don't take away my ties to my family.

—Andrea Wickstrom, Prairie Village, KS

Selective price gouging of websites/users allows cable companies to censor them. If you are 'off-message' or even just critical of their service, they could use a rate hike as a punitive measure. This is unethical and a violation of rights protected by the First Amendment. And why this has to constantly be explained to grown adults and Congress-people in a nation so vocal about it's amazing freedoms is beyond me.

—Mike Higgins, pullman, WA

The internet is free and open, and should stay free and open. To put a price on the availability of information is ridiculous. This needs to stop.

—Rose Santiago, Marietta, GA

Net neutrality is important because with the way the internet has integrated itself into the lives of nearly everyone, forcing people to fork up extra cash to already greedy ISP's would ruin the climate of the Internet, both from a informational and accessibility standpoint.

—Chris, Clifton, NJ

Not only does it make it harder for people to afford/access certain websites, but it will make it harder for small businesses and amateur websites to continue running online. They will be expected to pay service providers in order to make their site accessible to the public. So this WORKS BOTH WAYS when it comes to hurting online freedom and communication.

—Ricky Hill, Falls Church, VA

The internet is the only way I can contact and communicate with my friends and distant family, and I value those connections, but I am a young adult going through college, and I can't afford to pay extra for sites to speak to them. Please don't.

—Sam Farnum, Eddyville, IA

Internet Neutrality is one of the most important parts of humankind. Without a truly world-wide internet, there is no hope of equality or development among nations, especially developing ones. There is no hope for humanity with this utter and complete idiocy.

—Emma J, Blue Bell, PA

With net neutrality we are able to easily keep in touch with the world and stay placed in what is happening.

—Jasmine Munoz, Tirmity, TX

I don't have the money to waste on something that should be free.

—Isaac Men, Long Beach, CA

I have no desire to live under the always watching eyes of Big Brother, and by eliminating net neutrality we are all one step closer to living in George Orwell's imagined world, which was written as a warning of how not to live, not a guideline for how we should live.

—Samantha DiNicola, Somerset, NJ

How much of our freedom of speech are you going to take before Big Brother himself becomes our Lord?

—Celesté, Marion, IL