

Net neutrality is important because the internet is one of the few low-cost ways to access information about any topic, and learn information about that topic. Should cable companies be allowed to alter the speed at which websites can be accessed, they could easily choose to make sites they deem to be against their best interest slower than others. That doesn't sound like freedom to me.

—Rebecca Mullins, Armonk, NY

I can't believe this is a real page. I think its great that you are ostensibly controlled by former Comcast and Verizon execs who have no interest in improving their services and instead complain about how neutrality will cause major problems. You do realize that they do whatever is necessary to turn a profit, even if that means lying about their willingness to engage in honest neutrality (see Comcast's pitiful PR campaign which totally ignores the fact that they are engaged in the very practices they allegedly are opposed to). By the way, look at which companies are fighting this the most. Big surprise, its Comcast, Att, and Verizon. Where are dividing lines between corporations, lobbyists, and government representatives or agencies? Do we really need to dig up Teddy Roosevelt and have him rehash the dangers of allowing huge corporate monopolies like the proposed Comcast-Time Warner merger? He was most concerned about trust-busting big oil and their affiliates in the early part of the 20th century and, you know what, it was a really good idea that had tons of public support except from the higher ups in each company. Have we come full circle and forgotten the dangers of allowing the lines to be blurred even further between big business and big government? What about the consumers? Oh yeah...that's right....we get to hear our voices heard through garbage facades like the one you are running here. Its insulting to the general public and only makes people more upset when they watch their wallets get squeezed and the big boys get richer. Get your house in order. See through all the nonsense and realize that the blatant dog and pony show you are putting on is not fooling anyone. How is Verizon's 1st and 5th Amendments being violated? If anything, your amazing decision to put ISPs in a different category than other utilities paved the way for much of the current mess. So thank you for giving massive tele-communication giants more wiggle room to get over on the average customer. As we have seen before in this country, less regulation of certain private sector industries is always a good idea if the primary objective is to ruin the basic fabric of this country and create even more opportunities for rich people in suits to remake all the rules, get richer in the process, and blatantly snub their nose at the core principles America was founded on. Keep up the good work!!!!

—Nicholas Ercole, Washington D.C., DC

Net neutrality is of paramount importance. Giving preferential treatment to companies or site who pay more will result in an internet economy as bad as, or worse than, our current physical economy. Anyone who knows anything about the internet will lose what little faith they may have left in our government doing what's best for the people, and their hatred for IPs will only grow. It's a mistake to even consider ending Net Neutrality an option.

—Kenny Boutot, Philadelphia, PA

It'll stifle free enterprise, no one not on the payroll of a cable company wants this to happen, and it's unconscionable that it even came to a discussion.

—Jack Schlesinger, Baltimore, MD

Because the ISPs are just getting richer

—Gloria McCall, White House, TN

To be able to make a living with online sales and not be pushed out by the large companies that would pay the higher rates I could not afford

—Dennis Watson, Miami, OK

net neutrality ensures a level playing field and avoids a monopoly (control) by internet providers.

—Terri Hughes, phx, AZ

I am an Etsy online shop owner and feel it is crucial that the internet remain free and open to all. Big Business should not have a monopoly on the internet just because they can buy their way into it. Such a monopoly would hurt small online business owners such as myself.

—Jeanette Lee, Dover, PA

I am opposed to the FCC's proposed rules that allow corporations to take control of the Internet. I support equal and open Internet access. Please change the FCC's proposed rules and regulate broadband Internet providers as common carriers so that the Internet will not be divided into a fast lane for corporations and a slow lane for everyone else.

—Mindie Pruss, Torrance, CA

Ensure the Internet remains a level playing field for all people and businesses. This country is falling behind in infrastructure and availability of broadband internet, the loss of net neutrality will only burden the people and small businesses of this country further. We don't want to become the laughing stock of the world.

—Tina Garcia, Duarte, CA

Easy access to all information I need.

—Sandy mcgraw, san jose, CA

The whole point of net neutrality is that Internet Service Providers like Comcast and Verizon shouldn't be allowed to actively prioritize or degrade the data they help to deliver. Like the US Postal Service, it should all be treated equally.

—Sam Andujar, New York City, NY

The internet has long been a place where all websites, whether it's a popular one like Netflix or the blog of an individual. Letting people pay for higher speeds will have effects on the web that significantly change how it is (or isn't) used.

—Michael Armstrong, Endwell, NY

No Hug for you fcc!

—Omar, ,

AbSolutely unbelievable - there is should not be any question as what the answer is! No ! to Comcast and time warner or any of the big cable companies and their Fast Lanes. The fees are constantly going up- for what ? I am just about to cancel my cable TV. The cost per month for the only 5 channels I watch is outrageous. I am not alone. Read what people are saying on the net - many are disgusted with it and going back to an antenna. As will I. And they want to charge for a fast lane? Noone wants/needs it. Those 5 channels I watch- (for which I pay a lot) cspan among those 4 channels - and wonder why cspan is not available on the net as live streaming?or able to get cspan using an antenna? Whyis that? The internet is used by everyone (we don't need another class of net people) and it should be available -NO to the comcast-time warners - cox communications and all the rest that want to do this. They already have a monopoly! The net should remain neutral - if you agree to change that neutrality - it is because of the money behind it.. not for the benefit of the people. J.G

—Jessie, Lemon Grove, CA

This should be free to everyone that's how I do a lot of my shopping. It's so important for people to be able to find me and for me to be able to find people selling things that I need and want. This is very important to me.

—Debra Gilstrap, Dallas, TX

The movement against net neutrality only serves the financial interests of cable and internet providers who view the the restriction of internet access as a means to extort money from people and entities who wish to express themselves through the medium of the internet. Removing net neutrality would follow in a long line of American legislative decisions that have impinged upon the freedoms of average citizens for the benefit of the already powerful. Do not add to this history. Do not restrict the internet.

—James Akin, West Hartford, CT

FCC, As a young entrepreneur I need the internet to be an equal opportunity playing field. All data on the internet should be treated as equal and even though I am not a corporation that makes billions of dollars per year, my content is just as valuable. It's impossible to predict the loss of potentially world changing ideas that may not be able to flourish if the internet is a place only for giant corporations. Please do not let corporations use their weight (\$\$\$) to make it harder for people like myself to make a difference in the world. -Lily Durland

—Lily Durland, costa mesa, CA

If we lose the internet, it will be lost forever.

—Melissa, la puente, CA

It's an equal voice and opportunity for ALL.

—Tamara Carouthers, Saint Louis, MO

I want my internet to function. I also want a precedent where large company's CEOs' blatant lying and disregard of human life doesn't end up giving them absolute power over such an important tool of mankind.

—Nick, Clovis, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me and to my small business which relies upon the internet. It could spell the end of many small internet businesses including mine if the internet is not free. Please do not end Net Neutrality by providing a "Fast Lane" for those who can pay. In this country, we have the right to equal opportunities. Taking away net neutrality is equivalent to taking away our rights. It is un-American!

—Janet Zeh, Willington, CT

"Distributed computing projects held at universities across the nation would be penalized without net neutrality. I contribute to several such projects; the greatest of which is SETI@home. While SETI@home is run by staff at UC Berkeley, the project itself is distributed world wide. It is a non-profit organization that allows users to contribute from around the world to utilize individual computers to analyze data; then upload the results back to the SETI@home staff at UC Berkeley. Other distributed computing projects that would be adversely affected by the loss of net neutrality include those that study diseases to find cures for malaria, AIDS, and more. Study of the stars via Einstein@Home would most likely be lost if net neutrality is not maintained in its current form. Please keep net neutrality just the way it is."

—Lynn, Illinois, IL

So a small number of people/corporations don't own the message

—Joe manning, Richmond, VA

Do not tread on me.

—HBMann Mann, lanc, PA

It's important to me, and you, Because.... America is the Land Of The Free. Well, it used to be. Soon, we will just be another China.

—Judy, West Fork, AR

The internet was meant to be free of influences. It should always be so.

—Rajdeep, new york, NY

The attack on net neutrality, coming as it does from Obama appointees, is a back door attempt to achieve a right wing objective. People in positions of wealth and power despise competition, and a free and open Internet is a threat to the fortunes that have been made before. They want to kick the ladder out beneath them. Worse yet, free speech itself, always threatened in this land, never safe, enjoyed a heyday of sorts with uncensored internet channels allowing all voices to be expressed in all matters. That too threatens vested power. With the attack on net neutrality, political speech is threatened as well. These are not republicans, not democrats, who attack our Internet. They are the ugly stepchildren of private power. They don't like insecurity. They want total control. They must be stopped.

—Mark Tokarski, Morrison, CO

The Internet should not be a point of inequality.

—Sidney, New York, NY

Eliminating net neutrality will kill the entrepreneurial spirit of the internet and ultimately impact the consumer.

—Adam Brandau, woodstock, GA

The Internet should be treated like a utility. Equal access is as important as the public's access to electricity and drinking water. Thank you.

—Eric Christensen, Placentia, CA

Keep the promise President Obama made - protect the small businesses that made America what it is today. Small businesses are the backbone of this country. Do not put them at a great disadvantage in today's digital world. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY.

—Elizabeth Priestley, Santa Monica, CA

The internet should be classified as a utility. All data is equal.

—Ben Corbett, Tacoma, WA

Net neutrality is important to me because it simply affords more freedom in how we choose to use the internet. The freedom that I was raised believing was within my country. Even if it faltered many times in doing so, it is an ideal that has been striven for and should continue to be. The noose of corporate greed is getting far too tight around us and it will continue to destroy us if net neutrality is lost. Here is to hoping that you who read these words will save yourself and countless others of a fate worse than death. A fate where freedom is but a mere mirage in a desert of suppression. Thank you.

—Eboni, Irvine, CA

This is about the only true right we as Americans have left. Don't put this in the hands of the greedy corporations so they can control just about every aspect of our lives.

—Roshan Shah, Jacksonville, FL

The internet is one of, if not the greatest knowledge bank available to human kind, knowledge isn't a commodity to be regulated but a right to be given.

—Zachary Davis, Pittsburg, TX

"If net neutrality was to be dropped now it would most probably inhibit internet investment, significantly increase consumer broadband prices and enable the established IT giants to more-or-less lock the gates to new competitors by choking their access." -- <http://rt.com/op-edge/171780-internet-neutrality-us-censorship/>

—Sam Andujar, New York City, NY

net neutrality is censorship. plain and simple.

—Brian Friel, santa monica, CA

I want to make the Internet available to all people at the same speed and accessibility. I think if you allow cable and telephone and television companies create different speeds and access of broadband service, some people and companies will be left behind. I'm afraid to give so much control to these few cable and telephone and TV corporations. The Internet should be treated like other utilities.

—Susan B. Morison, Beverly Hills, MI

It's simple: I shouldn't have to pay more to an ISP just to reach the content I want.

—Paul Andrews, Lansdale, PA

I believe net neutrality has been the key to innovation and free enterprise. Freedom of information is required for a democracy to succeed.

—Karen Kidder, Claremore, OK

How are us high schoolers and college students supposed to use the internet as a source for studying if you guys are gonna make us pay so much more for our internet?

—Ismail Tufa, saint paul, MN

We must do this, can't let others decide for us... I'm in, lets save the internet!

—Ali Villalobos, Miami, FL

The internet as it is today allows a free flow of ideas and information. Segregating the internet gives too much power over the speed of that flow to mega-corporations. Would it be good public policy to limit the best water quality to those who can most pay for it? No, because clean drinking water helps ensure a healthier populace. Would it be good public policy to limit the fastest speeds to mega-corporations and the people who could pay for access? No, because equal access to information and ideas (content AND speed) helps ensure a better educated populace, which only benefits our country.

—Lynneth Lohse, Chesterbrook, PA

“I will take a backseat to no one in my commitment to network neutrality – because once providers start to privilege some applications or websites over others then the smaller voices get squeezed out and we all lose.” Either the leader we elected to preserve our net freedom and speak for the ordinary common person, honors his promise, or the change in direction we voted for were meaningless, dashed hopes, of an America which once was but is no more...

—Fr. Anthony Trayser, Mackinac Island, MI

I believe that the internet is supposed to be freely accessible and open to every one, and not something which my tax dollars pay to create, and yet is with great discrimination, allowed greater access for some, and lesser access to others, rather than open and freely accessible to all...

—Svetlana Trayser, Mackinac Island, MI

The internet should stay neutral and as unregulated as possible as it is the one place where everyone a voice can be heard. It is the one place where you can have a true democratic forum. If this were not the case the very fact that y'all are collecting information on the internet would be inheritly biased.

—casey Allan chapman, Austin, TX

I live in Puerto Rico and the provider Choice Communications advertised a fair price but when I got my bill it was 12 dollars more a month. It seems they are able to change whatever they want . Even though the service gets worse. The providers industry needs regulation and rules as Internet is as essential to quality of life. These companies are rogues . They raised my bill another 5 dollars so now I only have my phone. People need access at a fair price. And this industry will not regulate them selves.

—William Robinett, Mayaguez, PR

We cannot allow the Corporate Giants to sabotage the little but strong voices.

—Jeff, Trona, CA

Net Neutrality will allow for the internet to continue to grow as a free cultural, technology, and media provider. Eliminating Net Neutrality will turn the third greatest human invention into a play thing for internet service providers. Do not let them turn our future into a something dark.

—Jordan Obu, Monroeville, PA

Treat all data equally. Thank you.

—John, Sherman, TX

I support net neutrality. You should too. Please choose fight for us and preserve our right to free speech. The alternative will penalize internet users and benefit a very small elite.

—Hannah, Berkeley, CA

I support net neutrality. You should too. Please choose to fight for us and preserve our, right and your right, to free speech. The alternative will penalize internet users and benefit a very small elite.

—Hannah, Berkeley, CA

I am a small business owner on etsy and strongly object to this. It's the little people like me that this will hurt and the big companies will just get bigger.

—Tereasa Brooks, pass christian, MS

We've already seen how big companies like Comcast and AT&T are profiting off of the rest of us in regards to the internet. I'm not against capitalize, but I am against companies that have no competition and charge us exuberant rates for a service that is necessary for us to function in today's world. By some estimates their profit margin is well over 90 percent! Next month my internet bill is going to be almost half of my car payment! What do you think will happen if you end Net Neutrality?

—Albert Shaheen, New Haven, CT

Net Neutrality for citizens! Corporations have taken over our world...but not for much longer because We are becoming Awake & Aware as to how we are betrayed by our government in every aspect. Thank You for keeping us first!

—Marilyn Fournet, New Orleans, LA

Please correctly classify broadband internet as a utility so access to the web doesn't become another example of class-exclusion. Your plan is a slippery slope....

—Farris, Bogart, GA

It all comes down to the haves, and the have nots. If you can't afford the proposed Internet "fast lane," your options become limited.

—Wayne Flynn, Sarasota, FL

I love this country because of the freedom and opportunities it provides for me and other individuals alike. I would hate for these principles to be thrown away because of big businesses who want to control the Internet for their own economic gains. Net Neutrality is symbolic of what America should stand for, and we should keep it that way for the sake of democracy.

—Jonathan Cutler, Kenilworth, NJ

Without net neutrality the big guys would drown our voice and crush our ability to reach consumers of our products.

—Westley W Wood, NJew York, NY

Internet freedom is has consistently allowed the United States to be the leader of innovation in the internet age. Please do not under-mind American capitalism with short sited greed.

—Andre, New York, NY

Because I don't want companies telling me what's "most desirable" for me. I want to find out for myself. I already pay enough for internet access.

—Ciara Cordasco, Brooklyn, NY

An internet that is open to all Americans on an equal basis is essential for the free exchange of ideas. Had the internet existed when the Bill of Rights was passed, I believe that Freedom of the Internet would have been added to the First Amendment. How can there be freedom of speech without freedom of the internet?

—Gail Singer, Chappaqua, NY

Net neutrality it's essential to a democratic society. The internet can be a tool to better humankind and therefore control of it cannot rest in the hands of corporations.

—Michael Moir, OAKLAND, CA

It's way past the time for government to put the financial well being of the customer ahead of the well being of corporations. The internet operates just fine as it is ... "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" should be the rule of the day ... I like having the world at my fingertips at a manageable price ... COMCAST and Verizon are wealthy enough. If they get the change they want, I know the internet will just end up costing me more. After all, if they want to make a change, it can only be to increase their profits.

—Ray Santucci, Hyde Park, PA

The internet should unregulated, and free. Not to be determined by corporations to dictate what is allowed and what is not allowed.

—Raymond Buckland, Price, UT

It's important that all people, of all financial standings, be able to access the internet and all it's contents equally without any hindrance or additional fees or requirements. This is due to the internet becoming a UTILITY in current society. Making it necessary to operate. The more barriers we put up to access it, the more divides we create for ourselves as people.

—John Rodriguez II, Odenton, MD

I support REAL net neutrality. Do not funnel our free internet into a monopolized company.

—Aaron Jones, NEW ALBANY, IN

As a writer, member of the LGBTQA community, and avid media enthusiast, I know that the Internet in the form it is now has provided me with a great many opportunities to grow, present my work, and find ways to support my fellow companions, friends, and family. With affordable Internet that gives me every website on an even playing field, the possibilities of what I can learn, do, or watch are endless. If fast lanes were to be developed, not only could my favorite websites pass on extra costs to me for faster service, but the other websites I know and love whose webmasters may not be able to afford prioritization could lose out and essentially close down. I don't want a filtered Internet, and I certainly don't want to spend more for it when I am a student barely making ends meet already. Please reconsider your pro-paid prioritization plan, Mister Wheeler. Forget your lobbyist roots and think about the greater good of the American people, and reclassify the Internet as a common carrier.

—Belinda Roddie, San Rafael, CA

Net Neutrality is vital for the exchange of ideas and the availability of knowledge for the population. Allowing ISP's to essentially censor what sites a person can visit is opening the door for abuse of such power on a massive scale. Many people do not have the option of choosing different providers, leaving them no way of bypassing the censorship. Please put a stop to further money grabbing efforts by companies attempting to profit further from a service which has become a vital part of our society.

—Brian Causey, Beaverton, OR

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PES_mn3Q5_Q this right here defines my absolute voice on this subject the net is a UTILITY
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—Dajana Menjivar, Palm Desert, CA

I am totally against changes in internet neutrality. Giving companies the right to control internet content gives them the right to control free speech. Please do not let this happen. Leave the internet in it's present state.

—John Patterson, Kaufman, TX

I think Internet Service Providers should be considered common carrier services because access to the internet is as much a human right as access to water and electricity. Letting ISPs do as they will with these networks is wrong and will without a doubt lead to market manipulation.

—Jameson Woodfin, Petaluma, CA

This country was built on Freedom. And freedom is exactly what you are trying to take away from your citizens. When you remove net neutrality, you allow the rich to grow richer. This suppresses the masses, in the worst way possible. You're taking away a medium for freedom of speech, and freedom of expression. You're also hurting the little guy. Do not slow down the progression of man kind, the internet should be easily accessible and available to all.

—Alex M, Silverthorne, CO

we want our world to have net Neutrality

—Shane, ottumwa, IA

I believe in a free and open internet, with no blocks and freedom for the people to receive data

—Joshua Chang, kaneohe, HI

Keep our internet open. Listen to the American people!

—Charles Emick Jr, Mount Eaton, OH

Please listen to the people on this issue. Keep the internet open and free!

—Shawn s Doyle, Elk River, MN

I believe in net neutrality, because the internet should should be there to all and not just for the elite.

—Susan Hayes, Alton, IL

net neutrality is the single most important issue of our time. by that I mean that keeping the internet, users, companies, suppliers, and the like neutral, even, the same. by setting up a fast lane you further the spread of monopolys. tim wu said it best. If i buy a toaster and when I come home I find out that it doesn't toast as well because the electric company made a deal with another toaster company. I am going to be really mad as a consumer. How is a small business supposed to get its start if they have to pay a premium to get to their customers. how is a start-up tech company supposed to get any traction if their data is being throttled down because they don't have the working capitol to "buy their way into the fast lane." this is segregation, this socio-economic regulating of the future. If your not rich now you can't use the internet to change your status in life. Allowing internet providers to sell a "Fast Lane" means the product doesn't matter, if you have money you get ahead.

—Mark Dullanty, Mill Creek, WA

There should be competition on the internet so that the playing field remains level.

—Arlene, Savannah, GA

The very fact that the majority of American people and businesses are against the "fast lane" proposal should be argument enough to stop this proposal. Please do not continue to allow those with more money to dictate how the internet will work. It is one of the few things in this country where EVERYONE starts equally.

—David Kalvelage, San Diego, CA

"Fast Lane Internet" is a means for internet service providers, that are all basically a monopoly since they do not directly compete with each other, to steal more of my hard earned money for basic access to the world wide web. The internet is supposed to be a forum of information sharing and without net neutrality that sharing will cease to be. The rest of the world is already so far ahead of the United States in the realms of technology and education because they put those things ahead of politicians making money. The ultra rich in this country buy the law makers and the rest of us suffer as a result.

—Brian Rizzo, Dorchester, MA

This is important to make a level playing field. Net Neutrality allows everyone the same access. Why change that, look what the internet has been able to do for the world.

—Scott Fox, Kennesaw, GA

Because it shouldn't be a business business what I get to see when.

—Erin Richards, Carbondale, CO

You're monopolizing the industry and giving more power to the wealthy. You're gonna start that "we are the 1%" shit again but this time it's gonna be from phone companies and their customers. Frankly, you're being a dick.

—Steve, Somewhere near Tampa, FL

if i want to turn on my tv i have to watch what OTHER people want me to watch, what YOU decided . the net is my only entertainment my only contact between family and friends and my only hobby playing video games comes from the net. i cant afford to go out , drive somewhere ,or simply throw a party my whole entertainment budget is spent on this if you throw out net neutrality then i'm forced to not only ban cable from my house but then the net as well because both will be so out of whack with reality that no ones going to be able to afford anything. people will be paying for cable and internet before feeding themselves so the rates don't rise because it got shut off again. people like me that has one pos job in a dieing area , economy with no skills, or money for training might have found a job online working from home but if this takes effect guess what ? no online work from home jobs ! gaming industries see a huge downfall of online play , jobs lost .huge internet giants like eBay that do ALL business online lose their clientele because they cant afford to pay for internet to log in and buy MORE jobs lost internet/cable providers lose business a little at a time and keep jacking up prices to make the same profits from the year before and it causes more people to abandon ship its a vicious circle that you will NEVER CONTROL

—Aaron Torrence, niles, OH

I've seen friends of mine create whole lives for themselves based off what they created on the internet. Dont take away others opportunities to do the same.

—Ian Whyte, Fort walton beach, FL

I believe the internet is one of the true "free" places people have left to voice their opinions and to be themselves. If this regulation of the internet gets passed, Americans are just going to be one step closer to losing their voice and being dominated by large corporations.

—Ben Weidenaar, Norwood, MA

Net Neutrality is necessary to preserve the competitive market that the United States economy thrives upon. Any legislation or efforts to grant high priced benefits such as creating a "fast lane" for internet service is unconstitutional by way of the Sherman Antitrust Act, as well as the rest of the United States Antitrust Laws. Creating barriers for data and information by user and/or service provider is not only constitutionally irreconcilable, it is also intrinsically unethical and will allow the large cable companies an Orwellian amount of power over the content that we as citizens can access.

—Michael Herrera, Winter Park, FL

Keep the internet open for the 99% of hard working people that can't afford higher prices.

—Salvador Ricardo, Hialeah, FL

FCC ought to treat broad band just as they do all other utilities. It belongs to the people, not a select few!

—Lisa C. Keuhlen, Woodland Park, CO

Net Neutrality gives no one unfair advantage, and provides a fair a even playing field. It's been proven through history that when one group is provided an unfair advantage due to money and size it just creates bullies, who take advantage. So I don't want the bullies to take my lunch money. They already make so much money why to you want to give them a way to make more.

—Steven P Simmons, Aston, PA

The internet has been for the long time a place of equal opportunity where anyone could gain access and take advantage of what there is to offer. To limit access of the internet by way of fast or slow lanes would deprive the everyday person of taking advantage of all the internet has to offer and make it far more difficult for them to reach their potential. In order to keep the internet a thriving community it must remain a neutral network. Many feel that they are unable to be without the connection that the internet brings. If the internet were to no longer remain neutral I would have to cancel my internet service/cable service as it would no longer serve its purpose to allow me to freely interact with what is available. I would also feel I must encourage others to do this. This is an upsetting idea. In this day and age where the neutral internet has done so much for innovation and connecting us to one another to turn the internet into a vestigial limb that needs to be cut off is an insult to all the work that was put into growing it to where it is now.

—Samuel Espinosa, Fairfax, VA

Because when I start my own small business...I will not have the ability to promote due to the 'slower' band. We will not survive. Small business needs net neutrality!

—Eric R Morales, Odenton, MD

Please allow the internet to remain as it is!

—Ms. Elsie Sullivan, atlanta, GA

if Pres. Obama will not stand behind his 2008 pledge to "support the principle of network neutrality to preserve the benefits of open competition on the internet." then we, the people, need to!

—Nicole, Olathe, KS

This will be detrimental to small businesses. How are the small businesses supposed to stay in business and help fuel the economy if we are not allowed to compete fairly with large corporations. Our small businesses are not hurting the large corporations...Walmart is still alive and kicking...hard.

—Amy, Overland Park, KS

Please don't tie the internet down in chains via killing net neutrality. If you do this, several things will happen. First of all, you will be eliminating the opportunity for small start-ups that have ended up changing our lives such as Skype from being created in the future. The level platform for innovation of the 21st century will be kaput. Another thing that will happen is that companies such as Time Warner and Comcast will make even more money than they already are. This would be widening the gap between the super wealthy and those living under the poverty line. STOP FUCKING WITH THE INTERNET!

—Dare Murray, longmont, CO

An open internet is a basic human right in the 21st century. Don't take it away from us.

—Marcia Chaloux, Newtown, CT

The fast lane is unconstitutional. Please do not allow this to become law. This is something voters will not soon forget

—Chris White, Van Buren, AR

The cable companies are way too corrupt as it is. Allowing them free reign to charge more for faster services, thereby relegating those unable to pay their premiums to slower speeds, is unethical. I'm shocked that this is even up for debate. Big business should not be able to control the access to information available on the Internet. This would also set dangerous precedents, allowing ISPs way too much power, since they are already the gateway through which we must pass to access any data on the web.

—Heather O'neil, Los Angeles, CA

The internet needs to be treated like a utility, a common carrier. The way it's treated in these United States by these companies is terrible. The ISPs available are essentially a monopoly and price gouge. We are far behind in terms of speed and price compared to a lot of Asian and European countries. When I was stationed in South Korea internet access was faster and much cheaper than what I pay here. I pay approximately \$60/month for a slower speed than my Korean service at \$18/month. Adding this "fast lane" will stifle innovation and competition. In turn that will hurt the economy, education and the unity that this medium provides. If this existed before we wouldn't have Google, Facebook, Twitter, Netflix, Hulu, Amazon or countless other sites and services. We deserve a connected world without companies censoring speech, new ideas, innovation and squashing competition. I hope you make the correct choice.

—Brandon Arellanes, Tucson, AZ

You would be going against the 1st amendment if you take it away. If you take it away companies would have control on what is shown on the internet. There goes freedom of speech because we won't be able to comment our opinion on topics from the press if this happens. Our favorite websites for news and reports could be throttled.

—Patrik Arellanes, Tucson, AZ

I use the internet every day for taking online classes, paying bills and recreation. I enjoy the fact that I can access almost any website quickly. I do not believe that internet providers should be able to restrict speedy access to certain sites. We only have a few choices when it comes to internet providers, and our choices depend on where we live. That's why I think that getting rid of net neutrality would restrict the customer's freedom in order to give more freedom to corporations. While corporations are generally good for our country, their freedoms should not take precedence over those of the people.

—DJ West, Culpeper, VA

Net Neutrality is important for young entrepreneurs like myself. Please support net neutrality!

—William Hulsey, Germantown, MD

Depriving me of equal access to content after I have paid for my service is at the least poor service and at worst extortion. If it's the former, I have no recourse because there is no other option for internet access. If it's the latter, I have no recourse because it has been decided that the profits of a few companies are more important than my right to free (virtual) assembly or my expression of free speech. To quote Jon Stewart, "Corporations aren't just people, they're better people than you." There is still time to save net neutrality, and I hope that you take this opportunity to preserve the internet and the rights of its users against those interests that would put their agendas above all else.

—Nancy Montag, Omaha, NE

The FCC was founded to protect the information communication systems of this country and regulate them in a way that was fair to everyone (or at least as many as possible). I understand the competing ideas involved, and perhaps those in charge at the FCC have already made up their minds, but consider that our country should be leading by example and committing to a morally and ethically sound decisions instead of letting corporations (who's sole goal is to make money) decide for all of us. This is a moment where the government can start building trust with people again in a time where it seems like it is ever diminishing. We are all watching and we are all judging. You will make the decision, but be sure you make one that is actually good for the citizens of this country instead of what is just good for ISPs.

—Kurt Silsby, Tallahassee, FL

To me, net neutrality is a symbol of the last open playing field to receive information without geographical or political barriers. It is an opportunity to let those with far less money and power have their voice heard and to develop their business. It is a free and open place to express an opinion that could otherwise be stuffed away due to some political agenda. It is a place of free thinking where all humans can gather and create the greatest think tank on the planet. A records office of the entirety of human knowledge that in the real world would take hours, days, weeks, years to find all around the world's libraries, but is at one's fingertips. It should not be reorganized to help only the biggest businesses, it should be open and free so all humans have the ability to do what they wish. It is a symbol of the unalienable right to free speech.

—Matthew, Sunland, CA

For the sake of democracy, keep the net neutral.

—Mark, Chicago, IL

I think we shall have our own privacy and not let the government supervise us

—Henry, Miami, FL

The thought that we would let a corporation decide how fast, much etc of the internet it would provide would be the biggest harm to free speech . It is in the public interest to keep the net free, open and available to all.

—mike den van Abbeel, winter park, FL

i as a young adult dread the future. when i was a child i had all these huge dreams and as i have gotten older i realize that the internet gives me the ability to make alot of those dreams happen. i want to start a creative company with my friend so that we can release stuff online and sort of go from there. but with the way that you are taking the internet, something that was created to make a more level playing field, would put a stop to that. the way you are taking the internet is making it so that if you don't have money there is no way you can succeed. And if you go back and look at the U.S.A.'s history you will realize that a major theme here is anyone can make it. but by doing this you are effectively saying "Only the people who pay us will make it." which if you look at that comment you will see it sort of sounds like bribery...

—Windsor Fravel, Dover, DE

All that I've learned and all that I've seen on the internet has educated me on different levels. Thinking about how much I can learn compare to my younger years; can put some perspective in place. Would I have learned all that I know about local and foreign news (like pop culture or everyday living) if I had speeds like or close to my youth? No, it might of bored me to death. Would limiting one site make me jump on the band wagon of another? NO. Freedom and choices and limitless opportunities for all.

—Nery Medina, Trenton, NJ

To whom it may concern, My name is Tyler Bargerhuff. I am a video content creator for the internet. It is my passion to film, edit and upload videos on the internet for others to watch and earn money from it. Net Neutrality is important to me because it is a leveled playing field for everyone, and it should be. Growing up I wasn't handed the best cards. I had to drop out of college because I couldn't afford my next semester, I'm \$50,000 in student loan debt, working a dead end job just to get buy. Net Neutrality is one of the only things left that I can say "I'm not on the bottom anymore". Please make the Net equal for everyone. It's important and why the internet is such a powerful place FULL of competition.

—Tyler Bargerhuff, Navarre, OH

Let's keep the Internet fair and not let big companies control it just because they have more money. This would be the end of the free speech on the Internet.

—Branden Tabler, Falling Waters, WV

Net neutrality is a basic necessity in a capitalistic society. Instead of extorting money out of content creators these ISPs need to stop with the giant corporate mergers and shady tactics and actually live in a competitive marketplace. Killing net neutrality makes no sense only benefits the cable companies while it hurts customers, companies, content creators, capitalism, and the concepts of liberty and freedom.

—Craig Will, Woodburn, OR

The Internet is no longer a luxury but in our modern society a resource. Eliminating Net Neutrality would be a violation of human rights taking away this resource for many. If the FCC continues to act in favor of ISPs, there will be consequences for all.

—Eric Li, Little Neck, NY

We do not want slower internet...back off

—Lucretia Britt, Memphis, TN

Its crazy the amount of power internet companies already have, especially when things like Google Fiber have shown they could seriously be stepping up their game and providing astronomically better service without needing to limit data in any way. I do not believe different services should have to pay in order to get faster internet, because they aren't paying to have faster internet, they are paying to not have -slow- internet. Internet companies can improve internet speeds without impeding internet users. They should not take an easy way out that limits us customers, especially when customers do not have much of a choice regarding other ISPs to begin with.

—Marcos Negrete, San Diego, CA

We need to get big business out of government. Making laws or deals that favor one ISP over the other goes against the ideas of the free market and equality that this country was built on.

—Victor Lopez, Mora, MN

Hello FCC, I am a concerned Citizen. There is a large threat against the economy of the internet. If the decision to allow high speed lanes is made, then the entire economy as a whole will suffer. You will be allowing Internet service Providers to put a tariff on all ecommerce. Site will either have to pay them or be condemned to the load so slow that people go to other sites list. This can easily lead to corruption and a forced monopolization of dozens of industries if the ISP's are allowed to do this. I fully stand behind Net neutrality. ISP's should be classified as common carriers. Otherwise I see a dark future ahead for our country's economy in which everybody has to pay ridiculous amounts in order to get access to the internet. Thank you for your time. From, Michael Cromwell Sagan

—Michael Sagan, Cincinnati, OH

The Internet is the last place where all people are equal. Making it so that those companies who can pay millions of dollars because they're making billions get faster networks is sure to scuttle the internet.

—Merritt Nenneman, Stevens Point, WI

It is important the the FCC and government allow citizens to EARN honest money, stay off or not USE welfare and taxpayers money. We American citizens need to have a fair and fighting chance to earn income off our comparitvley small eShops with out fees that we cannot afford. Please, give small to mid sized income Americans a fair chance at ecommerce and keep them off welfare. Thank you!

—Charlotte, decatur, AL

Make ISPs a common service! This is entirely lobbying...how will this new act in ANY way improve the economy? More small buisnesses will go out of buisness, and just like big franchises put small stores out of buisness, destroying jobs, the same will happen to the Internet.

—Paul bartolemea, baldwin, NY

It was built by the Department of Defense and colleges and is one of the only things that is a platform for many voices, and not just the voices of those who can pay the most. Since it was government backed when it was being built, it should be kept open to all taxpayers. It's not neutral and doesn't reflect freedom of speech if huge corporations can slow whoever won't pay up so that a few shareholders get a lot more money.

—Meghan Myers, Cumberland, RI

Net neutrality is the last chance that we have in regards to freedom of speech, the right to share knowledge, and a wealth of business opportunities for entrepreneurs. Hindering net neutrality is only beneficial for big businesses who have too much power and governments who have too much control. This would be an irreversible act and set America's technology standards back at least 10 years as content will be dictated by ISPs and their never ending greed.

—Damian Sopher, Trafford, PA

Net Naurality is the reason why technological innovation is capable of reaching such heights. The lack of Net Neutrality will do nothing except drive ISPs who already make over 90% profit into becoming more of a monopoly. The internet needs to be treated like a public utility.

—Matthew Nordstrand, Grand Rapids, MI

It's important so we can still have freedom online.

—Jack Evans, Putnam Station, NY

A free and open exchange of ideas and information is the most important aspect of ensuring a healthy democracy. If you turn this power over to private industry you will be turning over a vital part of our society. Please keep the Internet open for everyone and don't make it a class-based Internet where information can be monopolized and controlled in such a manner. To do so is unjust, unconstitutional, unspeakable and unconscionable! I Vote! Contina Hope Louisiana

—Contina Hope, Keithville, LA

As a Vietnam-era veteran, Net Neutrality is extremely important to me. The FCC should treat all data on the Internet equally, not discriminating or charging differentially by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication.

—Ivan Greer, Columbia, MO

Net neutrality is important to me because i'm a gamer! and my games are important what about innovation?! we need net neutrality because of growth!

—Tyler Lavender, Hull, GA

I am a small business owner, selling primarily online. Without Net Neutrality, I will be out of a job, end of story. I cannot compete with corporations, I cannot pay the fees required to play with the Big Boys. I, and a huge number of other American entrepreneurs, will be losing our livelihood if Net Neutrality is lost.

—Mairi Lothian, Lacombe, LA

Without Net Neutrality, its going to kill innovation and public access to different points of view. Mainstream news sources have already been restricted to a few monopolies, and lack of neutrality will limit other news outlets. Verizon/AT&T / Comcast already have an unjustified monopoly and this will only make it worse. Antitrust laws were created for a good reason but the FCC has been eroding them due to lobbyists and corporate money. It's now become a pathetic joke.

—Robin Suchman, San Francisco, CA

Dear FCC, We MUST continue to treat internet as a public utility. No longer is it a "even playing field" I urge you to vote down the SOPA and the PIPA Acts indefinitely. Discontinue these "fast lane" pacts and instead continue to nurture small ISPs, allowing for more competition and development.

—Mark, Williston, ND

Net Neutrality is needed. Favoring one website over the other in an effort to increase already astronomical profits by the telecom companies, despite what the people want, is absurd. Treat internet service like a utility. Stop letting the wealthy become more wealthy purely because they can afford to send money into your pocket, because frankly that's exactly what it looks like to us Average Joe's out here. I didn't realize the FCC could be bought.

—Fritz Holt, Phoenix, AZ

I have spent the last 6 years of my life working on the internet and building a business. I was unable to find a job so I started a business, kept from losing my home and employee others who were struggling to make ends meet. This would seriously affect the success of my business not to mention limit my choices in who I can buy from and who I cant. This is a very bad and greedy move!! God is watching!!

—Michelle Lee, Colorado Springs, CO

Keep Net Neutrality! By not doing so, you eliminate the freedom of the internet and shut down access to resources. That's the whole point of having the internet, is so people can have access to information. If you take that away, you are setting us back, not bringing us forward.

—Tammy Rosebrook, Royersford, PA

I am a consumer, university instructor, and small business owner. I believe net neutrality is imperative for any small to medium-sized business to remain competitive on the net. If net neutrality is not maintained, many businesses will be ruined.

—Cindy Harwood, Lafayette, IN

Access to information is a great equalizer of opportunity. The internet should be treated as a public trust. The loss of net neutrality would favor the large established companies at the expense of the innovation created by start up firms and individuals.

—Richard Paley, Boca Raton, FL

Don't kill Net Neutrality. There's too much opportunity for predation and extortion from what is already a monopoly-like internet provider situation. The internet needs to remain an equal playing field for America, indeed, the world, to keep innovating. The 'fast lane' will hurt everyone.

—Joseph Cieslak, Boise, ID

Over and over the American people have stated that they don't want this to happen. For every comment that you actually get there are three more people that also oppose what you are doing who don't believe their voice makes a difference anymore. Is that the America that you want to support? One where money can buy whatever influence one wants, flat out ignoring the will of the majority? Or do you support an America where the people's cries are heard and respected? If you support the former of the two, at least stop lying and pretending like you care at all about the will of the people, or anything but lining your own pockets and being the puppet that you are, Mr. Wheeler. You're contributing to the death of everything great about our nation. And if you contribute to that, don't be surprised by the consequences you will face when the people get sick of people ignored. Because this will certainly not be forgotten. Around the world, nation by nation, people are rising up and making the corrupt pay for the damage they've done to their respective societies. If things continue like this for much longer, this nation wide unrest could erupt into something much more unpleasant and aggressive, especially for you. And if you don't think that's a risk worth noting, then you are either naive or flat out blind.

—Chase Colvin, Taylorsville, UT

stop selling my freedom does everything have a price to the highest bidder? let's return to our founding father's plan

—Richard Dibona, libertyville, IL

Net neutrality is important to me because no one should limit my ability to express myself or to access information.

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I'm not a rich man. I make about 30,000 a year. To make me pay any more for a decent internet connection would be a hardship. They don't need millions more of my money but I need to be able to communicate.

—Mr. Darrell Ocheskey, Des moines, IA

Net neutrality encourages competition and innovation which makes it easy to find a product or service that does exactly what you need, create and publish an idea or tool that does something brand new, and learn about practically anything you want to know. It gives everyday Americans a medium of expression and communication that accelerates the spread and growth of smart ideas. It allows users to pick from a wide variety of communication methods and services for collaboration. It keeps prices low for consumers due to increased competition. In a day and age when Americans experience most of their freedom online, the choice to honor net neutrality is the choice to respect the individual rights and freedoms of Americans. The world has greatly benefited by having the internet as a fair and accessible network to further collaboration and communication worldwide. Choosing to give companies the right to favor certain companies/consumers over others is against the very ideal of our nation. Please, choose freedom.

—Joshua Baker, Carrollton, TX

This would NOT be a good change!

—Michele Castillo, JACKSONVILLE, NC

Americans do not want this. Please do not allow that bill to pass.

—Anthony Longo, Darien, CT

Every user of the internet should have the ability to choose for themselves which contents they want to access or generate. The providers of access should have no control over how content flows through their 'pipes'. As an engineer, it strikes me as intellectually dishonest of internet service providers to benefit from regulatory protection to set themselves up and also want to prevent others from innovating and taking advantage of their captive customers. Our extensive communication infrastructure was made possible by public protection and the public should benefit from it, not be made captive of some local monopoly or duopoly.

—Francois Carrier, Nashua, NH

Net Neutrality is important to me because it helps for the flow of information freely. If the bill comes into effect, it will be devastating to colleges, non-profit groups, basically anything that can't afford to pay for faster internet. I don't see the people standing for this type of control. Please rethink this situation. With so many people against it, it can't truly be a good thing, now can it? Listen to what the people want for a change.

—Christopher Maloy, Madison, FL

net neutrality is of the utmost importance to me personally, and i believe that our founding fathers had they possessed the foresight of prometheus would have included net neutrality among the inalienable rights that all men should have without question ... just as freedom of speech and the right to bear arms shall not be infringed upon under any circumstances so too would the architects of this great country made specific note in the constitution and bill of rights that corporate interests and government shall not censor or omit any content nor shall anyone meter or filter any of the content of the free internet for any reason for as much as there will be no reason or rationale to make filtering the content to the citizenry or metering the uploads of the public to the world wide web ... although many people do not know of or even think they could ever care at all about some stupid laws that dont even affect them now that the koch bill has passed all of the noncaring nonparticipants will suddenly begin to care very much about being force fed propaganda and the endless streams of utter rubbish that spew from the mouths of the talking heads soon this population will stand no more of this ... so beware corporate america although this sleeping giant has taken too long to be awakened when the alarm clock finally brakes the slumber this giant will destroy all of the orwellian safeguards you have so carefully put in place

—Kevin Vanhuss, manteca, CA

Our internet should not be taken out of our control. We the people made it what it is today, and we the people have a right to keep it out of the hands of those who seek only to monopolize it for their own ends.

—Thaddeus Sundin, Grants Pass, OR

I support citizens fights against Sherman trust violators seeking to use FCC to suborn their crediting infrastructure. Internet Fast Lane will provoke a people's cyberwar and civil warriors of freedom activists will be watching. Don't play into the hands of authoritarian binarists.

—Jason Hoobler, Cincinnati, OH

The Internet is the final frontier of equality in this world. Where else can people from across the globe communicate near-instantaneously? Online forums and instant-messaging create a kind of global view that hasn't been quite present since the Renaissance, and that's exactly what net neutrality provides- a new Renaissance. If net neutrality comes under attack, as it has been since the very foundation of the net, those who attack it are compromising a revolution of a greater scale than any that has ever happened in all of history. If the Renaissance occurred as a result of cultural melding, then the connection of all cultures all over the world cannot even be compared to that. Without net neutrality, this revolution will cease, and the world will be left a hollow shell of what it could have been. If only those in 'the fast lane' can share their ideas, then so many new thoughts that would have gone viral are now kept imprisoned, silent, until net neutrality can once again rise to prevalence.

—Marjorie Howard, Ashburn, VA

Taking away net neutrality would be a horrible thing to do to every "little guy" out there - making it so big companies and pay more to get their content downloaded faster, while people who do not have those resources will essentially be forced out and shut down. I know there is a lot of money being thrown your direction to make this happen, but can you actually believe this is for the better of the masses? Wasn't our government supposed to be "By the people, FOR the people," not for the biggest PAC or lobbyist?

—April Krob, Deltona, FL

Often times cable companies are essentially operating as monopolies with little or no competition. This lack of competition allows the cable companies to provide services to consumers at prices that aren't competitive, offer inferior product and services, and give absolutely abhorrent customer service. Net neutrality must be respected. Consumers do not benefit from the death of net neutrality in any way. The death of net neutrality would only bring with it the expansion of the influence of the cable companies, and the continuation of their exploitation of their customers. Keep the internet neutral. It would be an absolute failure of the FCC to allow net neutrality to die.

—Casey Madden, Pittsburgh, PA

Equality. That's what it's all about. What ever the subject.

—Mary Ann Holt, mulberry, AR

Net neutrality is important because the internet is the way to the future of everything. Any idea, any project, any thought can be brought to millions upon millions of people in no time at all. We're talking the ability to troubleshoot or brainstorm on any new technology, philosophy, or social program that you can think of. By letting the ISPs decide what sites get faster or slower internet, you let the ISPs decide what technologies and ideas succeed and which fail. Not to mention the potential downfall of music and video streaming services or gaming services that rely on the internet. Net neutrality is necessary to our moving forward as a race, country, and individuals.

—Jessup V. Maggio, Buffalo, NY

The FCC must correct its earlier error and reclassify the internet as a public resource -- as a Title Two Telecommunications Service. The internet is the only source of opposing information and interpretations on very serious world issues. The broadcast media and cable media have abandoned their responsibility to journalism and only the internet gives access to such material. Critical thinking and our very democracy depend on informed debate made possible by the internet.

—Donald H Goldhamer, Oak Park, IL

Sponsored data gives an advantage to rich companies that can afford to pay Comcast, or AT&T or Verizon, for such a plan and reduces the chances of smaller competitors creating innovative new services. It may be good for the consumer in the short term, but it could be a major hurdle to competition down the road, especially as the majority of computing shifts to mobile devices. Mr. Wheeler, prove me wrong in my thought that you are a lackey of the big ISPs!

—John R Vigna, New Kensington, PA

Allowing practices that will end net neutrality is tantamount to asking the European Union to end decades of the USA's maintenance of the Internet, along with all the immense economic benefits that go with it.

—Bryan Hockey, Ypsilanti, MI

Neutrality is what makes the internet work! Take that away and only the rich and connected will be able to use the internet for commerce. It will be just like the brick and mortar stores, the mom and pop stores are disappearing because of the big stores undercutting them....the same thing will happen to the small store operators if you take away the neutrality. And I believe that will have a bigger impact on our economy than you imagine. Please don't mess up our internet....it works....don't break it!

—Marilyn Pennington, Evansville, IN

There should be one speed for everyone. It is unfair for people who pay more to get a faster rate--the internet is supposed to be for everyone. What's wrong with how it's been working? For those interested in starting up new businesses, the increased cost of a faster speed could be the difference between success and failure. I think it's greed and a power grab by those companies who are pushing for this to corner the market.

—Carol Kurz, Evanston, IL

I watch some of my shows online. I write with an online program. I use many websites including Wikipedia to gain different spins on topics in the news on television and online. I use the internet on average twenty to sixty percent of the day, six days a week. I need the internet to be neutral. Television is becoming part of the internet. I watch television shows that are streamed on the web. I really could go on and on. Seriously though, net neutrality is not a choice for me. Without it, I will lose most of my day to day activities and future prospects as a paid full time writer. I have a family to provide for with my writing. Please help millions like me. Net neutrality lets a CEO tweet a honest consumer. Net neutrality lets a college student connect with his or her professor and fellow college student so the may tutor. Net neutrality help many doctors reconnect with patients after their meetings. Net neutrality is the past, present, and future of many kids of every country. We must get this right. Consider this a vote for net neutrality because we wish to save the United States Postal Service, email, the Olympic Summer and Winter Games, Congressional hearings viewed by the people, and you. That is right, even you could be affected by a world without net neutrality. I will state it again, net neutrality is clearly the only choice. Thank you for your time and possible consideration.
—Corey Simmons, Elkhart, IN

Because capitalism requires fledgeling companies have a level playing field to start. We need net neutrality in order to avoid monopolies.
—Kaitlynn P, Everett, WA

Removing Net Neutrality is essentially censoring the Internet. How is that justified when the United States has criticized other countries for the same thing? Additionally, it violates the freedom of speech for those unable to pay for the fast-lane service. Establishing Net Neutrality will not hurt anyone and removing it will.
—Heather Williford, Tulsa, OK

This is not helpful to the public in any way. I will actively oppose any official that supports a movement eroding the neutrality of internet service.
—Edward Lane, Billings, MT

Net Neutrality is important to me. I believe the most democratic tool we have is the Internet. This tool provides us access to more information than has ever been available to a single individual in history. It's an amazing tool. However, it's also become a defining tool for every aspect of our connected lives. We pay our bills online, video chat with colleagues across the globe, watch videos for entertainment, stream audio, watch tutorials, read news and investigate almost any topic of interest. By allowing ISPs to provide different levels of access to different sites / content providers you're giving them control to throttle the free-flow of information. The main services listed in most arguments have been Netflix and YouTube. Those content providers are often thought-of as video streaming sites for things like TV shows, silly cat videos and non-essential entertainment. However, I have watched numerous documentaries through Netflix streaming service and it has become an eye-opening educational tool. I have also used YouTube to guide me through multiple do-it-yourself projects. This has transformed YouTube into a haven for tutorials and training videos. These have been invaluable tools for me beyond entertainment. I pay a large amount to the only high-speed ISP in my area for fast access to Internet content. I only have one option. Please don't allow them to manipulate the information landscape as they have manipulated the business landscape. It won't benefit the consumers and people of our country.
—Benjamin Stendahl, Denver, CO

Net Neutrality is what makes my job as a videographer and visual effects artist easy. I have to meet deadlines and I CAN'T have these money-hungry leviathans sucking up my speed. I NEED net neutrality and you're our only hope. Please don't crush my passion with letting ISP's manipulate my internet. You asked for a response and let me tell you, America is responding.
—Anthony Cundro, Hazleton, PA

The current proposed rules are not enough to protect innovation and consumer rights. In every way imaginable ISPs are utilities and should be treated as such. I have already felt this first hand and ended up cancelling my Netflix streaming account because it would always be such poor quality through both Charter Cable and AT&T DSL. Neither would own up to throttling Netflix, however extensive testing showed that through all other sites (including HULU, YouTube, and Vimeo) I received around the stated 6 or 15 MB/sec speeds, however I could rarely download from Netflix at over 2-3 MB/sec. Often it was under 1 MB/sec. With so many consumers and businesses relying on the internet and their use of shared lines, they must be treated as utilities or they will cause irreparable harm to America's ability to compete in a global market place and they will undermine consumers ability to access an open market. How can such a technological powerhouse as the USA nation have slower, more expensive internet than so many other countries!?! Please do what is right for the American people.

—Shawn Dewnton, covington, LA

The Internet Service Providers (ISPs) of America already provide us with relatively poor service nationwide. It would be commercially and morally irresponsible to allow them to charge more to their customers without first improving their infrastructure to justify the increased cost (as opposed to relegating existing infrastructure). As long as ISPs have an effective monopoly in the US, with no reasonable competition in most areas, then the government should represent the needs of the people in the stead of competition. Please, Do Not Allow ISPs to increase their profit margins by Charging for a 'fast lane'. This will only hurt America's prosperity and severely limit our growth.

—Lucas Miller, Mesquite, TX

It is important that corporations don't control everything and charge us for that which is our ability to engage in the world. They can buy elections, they can't have this as well.

—Ms. Catherine Harned, DeKalb, IL

The internet (as it stands now) has been a major part of my life. I am 28 years old and have pretty much grown up with the technology. About a year ago I enrolled in college for networking to pursue that passion. However working for a big corporation (Walmart) and selling cell service for other giant corporations (Verizon Sprint and AT&T) for the past 11 years, I've seen first hand that corporations will do anything and everything at the end of the day for a higher profit. But I do not blame them for that, after all that's why they are in the business. But having seen the things they have done to the consumers over the years it sickens me to know they will soon have that power over the net, a tool created by the people for the people. I implore you please do not allow this to happen. I fear it will dampen innovation as well as creating yet another leap in income equality, seeing as how almost everything is required to be done on the internet (even employment applications). It has moved away from a luxury (like cable tv) to a necessity. Thank you for your time.

—Daren Morris, Ashland, OH

Dear FCC, we need real net neutrality. Protect internet users from monopolistic ISPs and don't let companies censor, slow down, or block websites while requiring other sites to pay for faster service. Please stand up for all Internet users and our right to communicate.

—Jeremy Lucier, Chantilly, VA

Please leave Net Neutrality in place ---

—Larry Cole, Grand Prairie, TX

Don't take my freedoms to be an individual.

—Jaykob, Colorado Springs, CO

Please take any and all necessary actions to ensure the continued operation of an open Internet. Please make net neutrality a law - work to categorize ISPs as common carriers, like the other critical utilities of our nation. If this is not done, we will be opening Pandora's box, enabling ISPs / telecoms to create an unfair advantage in the market, at the expense of the consumer. If ISPs are allowed to create a "fast lane" for certain traffic types, that means that the ISPs get to intentionally slow down other traffic types. If this is allowed, the major cable/ISP providers will almost certainly slow down competing streaming video services to try to boost the popularity of their own services. This will in effect allow cable providers yet another monopoly - not just on the customer base that they distribute to, but on the content that their customers can receive. Also, ISPs will use this as a tool to get more money out of consumers - they will likely charge streaming providers such as Netflix more for "fast lane" access, which will then make Netflix charge more to their customers for the same level of service. The lack of net neutrality benefits only the ISPs. An open, neutral Internet benefits everyone else. If the public were to vote on the issue, which side do you think would get the most votes?

—Mr. Tim Mann, Quakertown, PA

Change the Fair axis law. It is not right to have someone to put a limit on how much gbps a person can use.

—Christopher ET Jones, Johnson City, TN

I support net neutrality. Cable companies are guided by profit motives. By having a base set of laws, it will ensure that everybody has a level playing field in accessing the internet which has become the de-facto standard of information dissemination. thx Jim

—Jimmy John, San Francisco, CA

My ISP already charges me more than I can afford as a student, and now I could possibly have to pay more to access certain sites? Where I live, I only have one option for internet service providers, so if my provider starts taking advantage of me, I can't just leave them. I don't understand who or why someone would support ending net neutrality. Save the free and open internet so that my non-existent future children will have the same experiences.

—Matt Wheeler, Fairfax, VA

Dear Sirs, I work in community based media, volunteering my time and energy to make available to listeners, information and stories that commercial media either ignore, misreport or offer through the singular lens of business values and how it will effect profits. With out timely access to independent on-line news reporting, analysis and context (something one rarely finds in the corporate media outside of sports and celebrity coverage these days), I would be disadvantaged and hindered in my efforts. The issues I cover are militarism and its threat to democratic and civil society; the chemical industry's destruction of Public Health, the business attack on the Public Commons, and the misrepresentation of radiation's dangers to the human population due to ingestion of released radio active isotopes. And sudden non-linear rapid climate change (arctic-news.blogspot.com). Loss of net neutrality further undermines democratic institutions and the health of civil society. The already TOO powerful corporations have a track record of using whatever means at hand to suppress negative information, especially where it exposes a financial liability, and could expand their existing censoring efforts by out bidding shoe-string civic , community and justice-minded organizations. They do that at present in the "market model" governing corporate media today. For instance, during the lead up to the attack on Iraq, known then to have been unjustified and based on lies issuing from the Bush Administration and the New York Times, a coalition of anti-war groups approached both WTTW in Chicago and Comcast Cable; in the case of the former, they requested that time be allocated for several community forums where alternatives to war could be discussed, heard and evaluated; and for which there was precedent for such a forum. In the Comcast case, that cable provider was requested to broadcast Democracy Now!, a news program originating in New York that got it right and was one of the few places where former government officials and area experts, challenging the march to war, were given a hearing. Both WTTW and Comcast rejected those requests. It was evident that their management placed business interests ahead of civic and social responsibility as WTTW is beholden financially to the weapons makers and financial interests in Chicago, like Boeing Corporation and Citi Bank, that profit from wars and militarism. While Comcast curries favourable rulings on its business activities from government regulators like the FCC. There was no public interest reason to declassify the internet. The former Chairman, Michael Powell, on leaving the FCC, made evident why it was done with the employment he took. I demand that the FCC reclassify the internet as a Title Two Telecommunications Service.

—Dale Lehman, Chicago, IL

I am an independent writer, artist and animator and sometime journalist. Without Net Neutrality I would never be able to make a living or be able to compete against Major Media corporations for an audience in anything I do. This is true in nearly every endeavor. The Net, as it is, allows for true democratic competition.

—Pamela Auditore, Woodland Hills, CA

We are the last bastion of free speech online. Don't try to silence us just because we're your products and you want to sell us to your consumers for even more money. Clean up the junk online before you decide to take away our freedoms and force even more advertisements and free ipad blinking banners down our throats.

—John Grathwohl, Smyrna, TN

If net neutrality is to be jeopardized by businesses, there will be no chance for people like me to be part of the world through Internet anymore. Freedom matters.

—Su Park, Athens, OH

The recent proposal to permit Internet service providers to offer tiered services would further undermine the American Internet. Already service providers are deliberately degrading service in an effort to extort payments from services such as Netflix and YouTube. <http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2014/7/7/google-isps-youtube.html> This is something the FCC should correct rather than encourage. Although the US invented the Internet, we currently stand 22 in the world for broadband speed. <http://www.websiteoptimization.com/bw/1004/> This is something the FCC should seek to correct rather than exacerbate. The Internet is where people look up the local bus schedule, find out about business hours, apply for work, apply for benefits, and every other manner of daily errand. Americans need reliable Internet service and it should be the business of the FCC to arrange for that, not accommodate an industry that is falling behind its international competitors. The only what to do that is to classify Internet Service Providers as common carriers.

—Alice Marshall, Washington, DC

Websites are an even playing field now. I am growing my traffic to my site and I do not want to have to request permission for my website to have fast enough speeds and to have to pay extras for faster data speeds so I have to compete with businesses that can afford the higher fees to provide my content to potential clients.

—Janos Miszti, Citrus heights, CA

I never bothered with net neutrality because it did not affect me directly that I thought anyway. I used to have Comcast and my Netflix speeds were good (after Netflix paid lots of money and Comcast stopped throttling the connection to them.) But I am now on ATT and the affects of throttling are ridiculous. Speed tests show 15 mbps. Yet my Netflix and other video services use only a percentage of it. They are almost unusable at times. I pay good money for 18 mbps and 250gb a month. How I use it should not matter. Allowing ISPs to charge a premium to companies who offer services will destroy competition. Startups will not stand a chance. Data is Data it does not matter what it is or how its used. Net Neutrality is important on many levels! Please don't let the companies dictate how the internet is used. **KEEP THE INTERNET FREE and OPEN!**

—John Lopez, Hialeah, FL

Because media is clearly the voice of corporations not the poeple. America has seen over the death of journalism around the same time of the federal reserve. By 2001 it was in the pockets of sociopaths and big business. We need accountability we need facts based in reality not facts based on hoarding elites wealth. Stand up for the last free press in the world. If this fails so to does democracy

—Damian, Pittsburgh, PA

Net neutrality is as important and American a value as free speech. We the people should be protected against the greed of corporations in instances when such freedoms are threatened.

—Alex Tsirozidis, Cedar Park, TX

I'm not rich My family isn't rich we can't afford 80\$ a month for direct tv or w/e but we can afford out 1 mb/s internet which is cheap and lets my family gain entertainment from youtube which allows us the poors to have entertainment that we cant afford

—Dylan, Aurora, CO

Net Neutrality is something special. It allows anyone and everyone to be equal. Taking that away means larger companies have more control over the internet. Start-ups will have more trouble competing with larger companies, putting the economy in a worse state. The Constitution says "All men are created equal". If this law passes, it means you are going against the Constitution. Apparently, men with money are more equal than others.

—Daniel Chuchra, Arnold, Maryland, MD

The internet is a fountain of information that should not be trickled

—Jose, Springfield, MA

the internet is doing good right now, don't fuck it up.

—Not Putting My Name, nor my city, PR

I am a small business owner and believe Net Neutrality is essential to my business, and for the success of our economy and our political system. We already pay as consumers for broadband. Content providers already pay for their backbone connection. Allowing other parties to make deals and play favorites for whatever reason represents a corruption of the free market system.

—Laura Scott, Boulder, CO

I've built my entire career on the web. My digital presence is far reaching and the ability to access the web and all of it's content freely has allowed me to do that. Do not allow private companies to moderate, control, guide or hijack the livelihood of the future.

—Vitaliy Levit, San Francisco, CA

Having a non-neutral Internet is, by definition, to allow certain entities to have preferential networking treatment. These entities are more likely to be "big players". As a very small "player", this will hurt me economically. Having a non-neutral Internet will have the same effect as having an imbalance in a marketplace. Marketplace imbalances affect the efficiency of capitalism -- and a non-neutral Internet will affect the dissemination and use of "information", where "information" includes everything from scientific information to actual sales of goods. A non-neutral Internet will be hurtful, not only in general but to me in particular. Please don't allow this to happen!

—David Madsen, Oak Lawn, IL

Without competition in the ISP market, you're essentially enabling monopolies. Privileging certain companies or applications over others is a flawed system from the ground up. With companies like Comcast and TWC making over 95% profit margin, don't you think they're making enough money to not gouge the consumer for even more without offering any better service?

—Jason Fesperman, Cullowhee, NC

Please classify broadband internet as a common carrier service. watch this video. Hank Green explains why this is a good thing:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=mc2a so6W7jQ

—Kristine Boniello, Oakdale, NY

I will not vote for anyone in office who does not support net neutrality

—Kate Goodnough, Morgantown, WV

I feel as though it limits freedom of speech to the citizens of he United States.

—Cole Sullivan, Duxbury, MA

Please keep a free and open internet. The ISPs should treat the internet as a common carrier like the telecoms do with phone service. Thank you J. Norton

—J Norton, Los Angeles, CA

Because the internet is for everyone, not for greedy corporations to charge us for what isn't rightfully theirs.

—Tony Atzbach, Parkersburg, WV

Net neutrality is a god given right to anyone who uses the Internet it was designed as an open system and must remain that way. Paying for faster or slower access is my choice but should be equally faster or slower access to all of the Internet not certain services bases on what I paid for and not for as well as the big companies who deliver content having to pay extra for their service to reach me.

—Ralston D Metz Sr, Salem, VA

Without Net Neutrality, we can't enjoy our midget furry bondage+watersports pornography.

—Jimmy Rustles, Tampa, FL

There is absolutely zero benefit for the Internet to be tiered out into different fast and slow roads. The internet is bigger and more important than the increased profits of several Internet providers in the United States. It's my sincere hope that logic prevails over greed in this landmark decision.

—Joshua Price, Billings, MT

As a young person and artist, any barriers that may prevent me from making the world a better place is one that I do not support.

—Lara Mann, Chicago, IL

I have worked as a software developer professionally and as an activist on media issues in my personal time for more than a decade. One focus of my media activism has been network neutrality, which I've worked on for the past eight years. I helped launch the National Day of Outrage on May 24, 2006 that led to protests that resulted in the collapse of the notorious COPE Act of 2006, and have written and commented on net neutrality then and since (some of which is archived online at www.chicagomediaaction.org). The internet has proven a boon for activism on media, including — curiously enough — those efforts for helping to preserve a free internet. Without the internet and those policies ensuring an open internet, it would be far harder and more difficult to distribute content and to mobilize efforts for a better media system in America. I for one not be able to distribute quickly a series of lectures I wrote by video (online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XS1w9Cc4s4k>) and as an ebook (<http://amzn.to/1rYiGjg>). It's a great and historic irony that the internet has been the best tool for preserving a neutral internet. I believe that the best policy for the FCC to follow would be to follow on reclassifying the internet as a Title II telecommunications service. Not following this course and keeping the internet in a Title I regime has left the FCC vulnerable to attacks in the courts — as we've seen twice in recent years. The often-mentioned approach involving Section 706 would counteract the FCC's intent and force the agency to abandon net neutrality if 706 were applied. The best chance, indeed the only chance — for preserving network neutrality as FCC Chairman Wheeler is so involved on doing — is to reclassify the internet as a Title II telecommunications service. I ask — I demand — that the FCC reclassify the internet (both cable and telephone modems) as a Title II telecommunications service with all due haste. I thank you for your time and attention.

—Mitchell Szczepanczyk, Chicago, IL

Protect Net Neutrality! Net Neutrality is vitally important to allow the Internet to continue to provide the value it has since the 90s and keep it as an open and equal platform for communication.

—Justin Dovidio, Lynnfield, MA

Dear America, you are being stupid. Stop trying to monitor and put restrictions on things that do not need it. The internet has survived this long without your intervention, so stop trying. The internet will find a way.

—Johnson, Los Angeles, CA

Dear FCC, Leave the internet alone.

—Kassiah Waddell, Idaho Falls, ID

Stop your bs america, you're drunk, internet is free will.

—Sablier, France nigg*h, CA

Fair and equal access is critical to the development and sustainability of the Internet. Any sort of tiering, filtering or intentional adjustment of service is akin to censorship. Internet access should be treated as a common carrier and it is critical that Net Neutrality is enforced.

—Matthew Macumber, MARIETTA, GA

Net Neutrality is a big deal. I am a young professional in a field that uses the internet to communicate. My husband and I don't own a television - we use his computer to watch content from websites like netflix and youtube, and if we're not watching something, we're listening to music on sites like pandora, last.fm, and spotify. We made the decision to not get a regular television or cable so that we save money to pay back our student debt and the general debt that we have. We also explore a huge number of websites of all types of content - from gaming, to religion, to politics, to music, to health, to lifestyles and so much more. Throttling internet speeds or allowing service providers to pick and choose what sites they will give full speed to or allow at all, tramples on my freedom to explore, experience, and learn from all the resources the internet provides. Please, FCC - leave the internet free.

—Laurelyn Stevens, Toledo, OH

If you do this, you do not believe in the American way of life, or the freedom that America represents. This act truly shows that our country is moving in a fascist direction with no one at the helm with the will to stop our downfall. Every empire ends, and most of them end with those at the top succumbing to the temptations of power and money. It does seem that President Obama brought change along with him, and that change is a continuation (please note the word continuation, he did not start this) down the long road of the end of America leading the way in this world.

—R Galvin, Keizer, OR

I want to view any website I please, whenever I please, at a speed that is equal to all the other sites. If this net neutrality is done away with I will get rid of my internet rather than pay for a service I don't want.

—Raeana, Portales, NM

Internet is the primary source of all communication free flow of information and ideas is essential to completing a robust healthy democracy Supreme Court Justice Holmes once spoke about the necessity for a free marketplace of ideas this can only happen with the free Internet section titled two of telecommunications act. In addition in order to benefit from the freedom of information act and enable free informed discourse that is at the center of the first amendment rights to freedom of speech and freedom of association govt should ensure net neutrality to allow an equal voice for all.

—Dan Lichtenstein-Boris, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality if destroyed could kill potential new business in favor of larger ones.

—Justin K Johnson, Maple Grove, MN

By giving people with money the ability to control the internet, you've fucked over a lot of dreams.

—Anonymous, Bradenton, FL

I am in support of net neutrality!

—Vicki Jenkins, Albany, GA

Net neutrality is what constitutes the internet's vast diversity. Not that it doesn't need policing. Like any social atmosphere it needs governing to ensure safety, but it also needs the individual freedoms from discrimination. Any breach in net neutrality is discriminatory, therefore unethical and bias.

—Daniel Gerber, Biloxi, MS

Net neutrality is what makes the internet the way it is. Without it, the internet will be less like a creative playground, where ideas flourish, but more like a place for corporations to make money.

—Nathaniel Rucker, Greenacres, FL

I just returned to school and have a family, therefore I would not have the time to wait in "internet congestion" just because I can not afford "faster" service. What is next, having to pay for library access

—Brian Hall, Henrico, VA

It is a severe conflict of interest that a Comcast lobbyist has been appointed to head the FCC. I feel that this decision has and will lead to many bad governmental decisions like: (1) condoning corporate personhood, (2) allowing large mergers like Time Warner and Comcast to occur when they are clearly threatening consumer choice. (3) denying other, inventive forms of telecommunications the right to exist, like Aereo. As a consumer, before all of these decisions were made, I felt threatened by my lack of choice for cable and internet provider which is why I turned to Aereo. Now this has also been taken away. I want my rights to choose and I don't feel that the entire country should be run by big corporations - it is just not in the best interest of the citizen and consumer, it is only in the best interest of business.

—Janette Wilson, Maynard, MA

Net Neutrality matters to every American who believes that their voice can actually be heard, regardless of the size of their wallet. The cornerstone of any democracy is the idea of every vote, and every voice, being equal. To favor data of those with more assets is to undermine this principle.

—Dirk Hortensius, Raleigh, NC

Net neutrality is a must.

—Justin, Harrisonburg, VA

Dear FCC, you should stop being greedy adults and learn how to instead of going for personal gain listen to what the people want instead of what the companies basically bribing you to do what they want! Also one thing you should know you mess with the internet it's going to have a nasty bite and you will wish you supported the net neutrality act instead of your own pockets.

—Matthew S Johnson, shelby, NC

Cause the government is full of cockhole asswipes who don't give a shit about the American people and anything that will net them more cash without a revolution they will do.

—Daniel, Reynoldsburg, OH

As a naturalized immigrant I just want to say, This country is amazing. Stop before your greed destroys it.

—Lia Zhang, San Jose, CA

I dont want have to pay more for smaller sites.

—Jaqi, brookline, MA

The internet is fine how it is.

—Brandon Carberry, North Las Vegas, NV

Net neutrality means people can use the internet as a creative place, to share ideas, information, and talk about the world around them. When it isn't an argument filled with cuss words, it really does benefit America as whole.

—Anakin Erickson, Lancaster, CA

dont ruin the internet please!

—Nick, salt lake, SC