

I can't believe that we even have to deal with this. Under literally zero circumstances does it make any sense to hand control of the flow of information to a group of companies. Can you say conflict of interest? It's going to put more money into the hands of large companies and direct traffic away from those with less money. But you know who spends the most money? Regular, everyday consumers. I.E. the very people who will be negatively affected by allowing the overly-rich to decide what information we get. Honestly, if this is going to be allowed, then let them go into all the libraries and burn the books that they don't like. And we should also let them destroy any art they find distasteful. And hey, why not let religious zealots like the Westboro Baptist Church design the entire country's education policy? Come on, let's not fuck about. Strike this garbage down and keep going with freedom.

—Justin Satov, Ottawa,

The internet is a human right. Allowing companies to monopolize over it restricts the access of knowledge and communication. Please fight for the people, not the dollars.

—Dakota Olson, Keswick, IA

I need Net Neutrality simply because I love the Internet we already have; it's a fun, free, incredibly convenient and an all-around fantastic creation, and no good ever, EVER comes out of "fixing" something that is NOT broken.

—Kay DeLiguori, Brooksville, FL

I fear that net neutrality is a part of my first amendment right of free speech. I also fear that it would give an illegal monopoly to the already too powerful cable companies.

—Travis Hilbig, Seattle, WA

The lack of net neutrality prevents competitive business practices and reduces consumer choice. It essentially forces cable companies to become monopolies where only one option for internet service exists. The internet is an absolutely necessary utility in modern society, just the same as electricity, gas, or water, and should have similar regulatory requirements to prevent corporate abuse.

—Brian Rodrigue, Blackstone, MA

Ending net neutrality is oppressive and assuredly against the first amendment. we don't like what you are saying ... well now your website is slower and costs more to operate. The oligopoly which is communications conglomerates today is already a soul-sucking over-charging shady business tactic using monster of biblical proportion.

—Barclay Weslake, Fort McMurray,

The rich and powerful shouldn't be able to control the net. It should be a democratic place.

—Jamee Warfle, Arden, NC

1st amendment. The internet is the only means of legitimate mass communication for humans in the future. We must maintain equal access.

—Taylor Lopez, Cypress, TX

I am a poor college student, i cant afford better internet. My livelihood, in an essence, depends on the strength of my wifi. The cable companies are big enough already, and i dont wish to be discriminated against, because corporations are clearly people, and can invest the amount of money i will earn in my entire life into this issue 100000 times over, right? Seems fair right! So what im saying is, I will not stand for this, and im 100% certain that every single american not affiliated with the cable companies would agree with me. Thank you for your time

—Nicholas Belevich, Furlong, PA

I am incredibly lucky to have been born an American with the freedom to access any information I want however I want to do so. If I pay for 75mbps internet access, I should be able to access whatever website I choose to at the speed I'm paying for. It's patently ridiculous to charge both me AND the website I'm trying to access for my ability to access it. Broadband and cable companies are just trying to charge two different groups for the same exact service, which I'm pretty sure is fraud.

—Julianne LeVieux-Elliott, Denton, TX

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Michele Sonntag, Shoreline, WA

The internet has gone from a luxury to a necessity. It is as much a utility as phone systems, and like them it must be recognized as common carrier. The great potential of the net as equalizer and voice of anyone without fear or favor has been established time and time again, and if it is to continue to realize its potential this must absolutely continue to be the case.

—Kelly Luck, Kansas City, MO

Not preserving net neutrality will permit telecoms to operate what would in effect be a protection racket. You would think companies with regional monopolies would know when to say enough hahaha who am I kidding we're doomed.

—Ben Stafford, Woodbridge, VA

More expenses doesn't exactly help anybody.

—Jerry W Conner Jr, FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, IL

Net neutrality protects Americas freedoms and basic rights to equal access to not be discriminated against because of our wallets or the wallets of the sites/people we enjoy. Show Americans that you stand with the people and not the 1%

—Michael Smith, Antioch, CA

Its called free enterprise and the a neutral net is as close to an even playing field as we are probably going to get. If the cable companies get their way the future Facebooks Netflix and twitters will never get off the ground and the status quo will have no reason to improve or even continue maintaining quality, since no new competition shall be allowed. It is in fact the opposite of a free market and to support what the cable companies want is frankly the un-American.

—Todd Morr, Oceaniside, CA

In this new world we have created, a cyber world, fresh and budding, are we to create something of a caste system where the rich can control and rule over the poor. I feel this has happened before in history and it didn't work out well. There are way too many improtant things to worry about in this world, and yet we have to fight for basic cyber freedoms. This seems a bit off. Why can't we just keep the rich companies a little less rich and the poor on par with the more succesful in the cyber world. Lets all focus on better things....

—Jason McCracken, Bozeman, MT

Net neutrality gives everyone a voice. We should not return to the days of information monopolies. Internet service providers should not be given the power to prioritize content.

—John Quirk, Caledonia, MI

Information should not be more readily available to the wealthy. You are increasing the wealth gap (which I'm sure you do not care about), and denying impoverished citizens the right to fast and accessible internet is one means to level the playing field. The FCC chairmen are cronies for the cable company, and this blatant corruption needs to stop .

—Matthew Pagani, Rochester, NY

The internet is the greatest experiment in human society in the history of ever. It is because of the internet that I can learn so much about the history of the US and how monopolizing corporations ruined the streetcar industry by lobbying the government. Don't let the internet become next.

—Alec Hoyland, Bedford, MA

Net neutrality keeps the internet free and stops the cable companies and verizon from ripping us off!

—Mr. Chris Pellitteri, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

It is more important than ever to maintain an equal playing field for all involved. Maintain net neutrality. It makes internet and the country and the world a better place. Do not let greed dictate the future of the internet. It is so very important to the future of the internet. Thank you.

—Aaron Wilson, St. Louis, MO

Dear FCC, I'm sick and tired of politicians and corporations buying our freedoms out from under us one piece of legislature at a time. Uphold Net Neutrality and keep the internet free to innovate.

—Jason Vickstrom, Long Beach, CA

To me, Net Neutrality is the opposite of Microsoft in its early years. It keeps ISPs from acting as more of a tollbooth than they already are. It keeps them from being bullies and extortionists more than they already are. It keeps them from picking winners and losers. And while they may be worried about their First Amendment rights being infringed, they often create nothing and have no IP to protect in that regard. And if your "First Amendment rights" consist of trampling on the rights of others, you have no support from me. That's why I support Net Neutrality.

—Aaron Myhre, Calimesa, CA

how could you possibly feel that net neutrality should go away. if you agree with the big companies trying to force it out, you are really only saying that you are incredibly corrupt

—Richard, columbia, CT

The internet has become an important commodity in today's culture. I liken it to power or heat. It has become such an integral part of our lives, that to allow the service providers to do whatever they want would not be dissimilar to allowing power companies to charge what they want for service. Who loses out if internet costs skyrocket? The very people who can benefit from it most, the poor and underprivileged. The internet has become a vital part of learning as well. Would you think it's fair for someone to be unable to complete an online college course or miss out on any of the other learning opportunities the internet has made available just because they can't afford to make an already rich company richer? No that's just plain Un-American.

—Evan Ridgway, Brighton, MA

If it isn't obvious why net neutrality is important, then you're all a bunch of stupid assholes. Do the right thing for people for once and not huge corporations.

—Brian, Arvada, CO

Without true net neutrality, internet providers are attempting to charge a company providing content, while already charging for the internet service from that same company as well as the consumers of said content. This is a gross abuse of their power as the stewards of a global communication platform that is much larger than any of them and should be classified the same as the aging systems which it has displaced (telephone and broadcast television). The FCC has regulated these companies for a century to prevent just this type of abuse and manipulation of the market, yet somehow with this new medium, the understanding that access to information as well as the ability to provide it within a level playing field is being lost. The internet is the single largest area of innovation within our country from both creative and innovative standpoints, yet the lack of net neutrality could quickly and easily spell the death of the next google, or facebook, or twitter on which our country depends. We employ and attract the greatest talent in the world, but that cannot continue when only the largest corporations are permitted to succeed due to pay-to-play restrictions such as these. I implore you, please do not let these companies place toll roads on the most open, more free, and most important medium of our time. We pay our bills, as do the providers, that should be enough to guarantee traffic gets where it is going in a fair manner.

—Mark Stansberry, Atlanta, GA

Net Neutrality is extremely important for allowing smaller/independent content creators to reach people.

—Owen Martin, Raleigh, NC

Because highly regulated utilities, many of which are granted local exclusive monopolies on service provision (cable companies), should not be allowed to throttle the most popular uses of the internet - or create a de facto tax on innovative businesses.

—Chris Schreiber, Bellevue, WA

Dear FCC The reality of net neutrality is one of logical process. One can view the understandable positions of the corporate mind, but one cannot truly empathize because they are such undeniable shit heads. They state thusly that it is to our benefit that we allow them to make us pay more to retain a service they deprived us of, that being equal speeds of connection. Its all a bold face political movement, one entrenched between the rules of psychotics and those who have no understanding of the common man. By creating an internet where people are not free to equal connectivity, it assures abuse of what was a powerful tool for human learning and understanding. Places like wikipedia, making by on donations, would have yet another struggle in place, another hurdle to maintain a source of human learning. Preposterous. I ask only to ruminate more on the content of your character, than the content of the lobbyists cheque books.

—Joel Stibbs, Maple Ridge,

With respect to the economy, productivity from the average worker has more than doubled since 1978. Net neutrality ensures that every business on the internet can compete on a level playing field. Ergo, destroying net neutrality will damage the economy by the money multiplier factor of the combined total of employees. It should be noted that monopsony and monopoly models consistently point to an inefficient use of resources, wages, and decreases the American economy's ability to compete globally. This also includes the talent pool from executive levels down as a decrease of elasticity on a pure competition competition model shall base the labor wages lower than mrc or mrp. The global market will of course compensate.

—Robert Williams, Knoxville, TN

Failing to use common sense, like in this instant, is the reason this country is falling apart piece by piece. This shouldn't even be a discussion, just cut the bull shit please.

—Robert, New Rochelle, NY

Dear Sir or ma'am. Having the internet continue to function the way it always has is Incredibly important to myself, my friends and family. Being in the struggling middle-class the last thing we need is conglomerates being given even more opportunities to take more of our hard earned money. Ending net neutrality will simply cost consumers more for an inferior product. Cable, phone, and television companies already make more than enough profits off the backs of hard working people.

—James Powers, Boston, MA

Net neutrality is important to me because the internet is a wealth of information that is currently available to anyone with internet access. Ending net neutrality could lead to limiting the flow of information.

—Jennifer Golden, Modesto, CA

Without net neutrality how will small start up companies ever get started when the cable companies can just oppress any start up with ridiculous fees? It's unfair to everyone except the cable companies.

—Jonathan Stephenson, Wichita, KS

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do your job and protect real Net Neutrality.

—Jeremiah Karpowicz, Mountlake Terrace, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I don't like the idea of "smaller" sites getting shifted to slower delivery. I frequent several sites that are so small they must take up a monthly collection to pay for their servers. Facebook was once a small site too, and how would they fare as a startup under an internet that pushed them to the back?

—Jarrod Matthews, Mount Carmel, TN

Don't let congress ruin net neutrality.

—Nicholas, Birmingham, AL

net neutrality is important to me because everyone should be able to express themselves on the medium of their choosing. the internet has become a canvas, and websites have become paintings. each one means something to someone, and we should all have the ability to observe and enjoy whatever piques our fancy equally.

—Jeff Stack, edmonds, WA

Equality is a right and the Internet is not the Internet without it.

—Nickolas Lozano, Fayetteville, NC

Keeping net neutrality is very important. Allowing the big companies this much control over information and entertainment is a dangerous idea. Keep the internet free.

—Donna, York, PA

I'm tired of big cable companies like Verizon and Comcast abusing their power and using their wealth to influence the government against regular citizens. The Internet is one of the great historic forums, where anyone can express themselves and all are treated equally. It belongs to all of us, like a public utility or library. Ending net neutrality effectively gives private companies, whose only goal is to make as much money as possible, control over this great thing that we've all created together. If the Internet were a giant public library, this would be like letting the doorman decide who can get in and what books they can read. It's an inappropriate amount of power for that party, and an infringement on the rights of the public to access a public good that they themselves created. This also means that cable companies can selectively favor websites that further their own agenda. How can people speak out against the cable companies if they are kept from having a forum? This is a clear conflict of interest that would result in a massive and inappropriate imbalance of power over a public good. Please tell the "doorman" that we're paying him to maintain the doorway, not tell us what we can and cannot read.

—Jennifer Nichol, auburn, WA

We, the American people, demand Net Neutrality. Do not let the lobbyists buy you off.

—Mr. Alex Dovarian, Westchester, CA

Net Neutrality is important because the internet is a free, open, and fair resource for all who can access it. It levels the playing field and brings many opportunities to the average (or not average) American. Corporations and companies don't care about consumers, and have no business trying to control something like the internet. Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T are only out to make money and coincidentally, are the biggest anti-net neutrality lobbyist supporters. Maybe if they piss off enough consumers, we can all switch to AOL or Google Fiber.

—Judith Arvizu, Glen Burnie, MD

Net neutrality means the dissemination of information to all. No expensive books, no five-figure university debts. Anyone with access to the web can make something great to help all, not just those with enough cash to overcome whatever predatory price their local internet trust demands.

—Patrick Crowley, Arlington, TX

America at one time valued competition and good ideas. We were made great through small business. Monopolies are the antithesis of ingenuity, and a lack of net neutrality would destroy competition and small business. This is a no brainer. Cable companies can suck it up. Net neutrality has to prevail.

—Patrick Hunsaker, Huntington, WV

Net Neutrality is important because the availability of information and the ability by all to spread it is necessary for a democracy to function

—Niven Wilson, Downieville, CA

Should it really be necessary to explain why Net neutrality is important? Really? Are large corporations completely evil or just delusional? It's literally as though our economy exists solely to fuck over anyone who exists below a certain tax bracket. How is this even a question. Should we allow people access to anything on the web in a fair manner? I can't even begin to comprehend how morally repugnant these companies are. Seriously.

—Haley, Calgary,

I don't want my rights infringed on, I wish to continue having the same level of service that is expected and has been marketed for as long as the internet has existed.

—Patrick Todd, Winterville, GA

Net neutrality is important to me because it means making sure ISPs can't stifle competitive services and smaller, independent websites, in favor of their own services and large corporations that can afford to buy a faster connection. Additionally, it prevents the ISPs from making money both by charging customers to access content, and the content providers to provide said content.

—Ryan Johnson, Blanchard, OK

The Internet has become ubiquitous in American culture. Almost every advertiser includes a website, Twitter feed, or Facebook page in their ads. Some employers are starting to demand applicants' Facebook credentials as a requirement for employment. Even governmental assistance programs like Food Stamps, Section 8 housing, and Medicaid have online access -- in some cases, it's significantly easier to get things done with the latter services online, rather than having to drive out to a remote office and wait in line. We've reached the point where basic Internet access (not including high-speed connections) could be considered a basic utility, alongside electricity and running water. With so many companies and services expecting their users to be online, it is now more difficult to conduct basic-level business if you have no way to access the Internet. I speak from experience when I say that things are a lot harder now if you can't get online at all (even if it's at the public library). I spent the better part of a year with no home access, and no libraries nearby. It seemed like I was being asked about once a month "Can you go online?" when trying to get things done, and answering no just made things more difficult. With the rising use of smartphones, wi-fi hotspots everywhere, and even televisions wanting access, it's safe to say the Internet is everywhere now. What the cable and DSL providers are trying to do is capitalize on the rising use of this service. They claim that we're going to be getting the same quality of service and connection speed for 'lower-tier' services, but what they're probably going to do is reduce the speed for those sites, and claim the 'high-tier' sites are faster as a result. You don't speed up one car by making all the others slow down. As we saw in the recent case of Comcast vs. Netflix, the ISPs will likely charge other companies for the privilege of a 'high-tier' connection. If those companies give in and pay the fees, there's only one way they will be able to justify the cost: charging their customers more money. Thus, the cost for subscription services like Netflix will go up, as will the prices for one-time-payment services like Vudu. Other providers that don't currently charge, like YouTube, will probably institute a "premium" service that requires a monthly payment... and what they will probably do is make this paid service look faster by slowing down the non-paying one. Do you see a pattern here? There's another likelihood. Those ISPs who are charging third-party providers for a "high-end" connection? I don't expect them to give access to these 'faster' services for free. There's a good chance that they'll either just increase their subscription fees for everyone (claiming that it takes a lot of work to maintain this), or they'll have an extra "premium" service that gets these "high-speed" connections. The end result is this: third-party providers will have to charge their customers more (or begin charging) just to get out of the bog that will be "standard" service. ISPs will begin charging more for access to these "premium" services, throttling back anyone who doesn't pay, or even denying them access to those services altogether. It's bad enough that these companies have a monopoly on their respective regions. (In my area, if you want cable TV, you have two choices: Cox, or nothing.) If we let them have this option, what they'll actually do is just slow down everything else, charge us money for the privilege, and tell us that we're getting better service as a result. Don't let them piss in my mouth and tell me it's raining.

—Christopher Mathieu, Fort Smith, AR

The internet has been used by the people to empower ourselves, create communities, and fight against oppression. It belongs to all of us, and is the one place where money and speech are not the same thing. The loss of net neutrality is the theft of what is ours.

—Becky, San Jose, CA

Dear members of the FCC Board and FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, to end net neutrality is beyond unacceptable. Allowing functional monopolies the freedom to at will slow down or speed up access will create significant barriers for new businesses. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. As the recent Comcast Netflix conflict revealed, the temptation to restrict access aimed at leveraging success over one's opposition is too great. If this speed constriction was created over mere money, what other issues will lead a corporation to similar or worse actions? Thank you for your time, Robert Kenney

—Robert Kenney, Reno, NV

The Internet is a necessity in this modern world, as important as electricity and phones. It needs to be regulated as a utility. Do not let the Internet providers buy you. We vote and we are watching you.

—Bob Gilbert, Columbus, OH

Hi, I am NOT a paid lobbyist for the internet providers. Nor I am part of an organization of internet provider CEOs. I am one of the people that pays their bills though. I strongly disagree with the idea of changing or net neutrality rules, as I am paying for the SUPER high speed package from AT&T and I can not tell the difference in it and the standard lower cost DSL. How well do you think they will run these fast lanes if they can't keep consumer speeds up? What speed do you think they will let run a website run by a political party they do not approve of? Netflix is an example of providers deliberately altering the speed to shake down for more money.

—Lewis Aliff, Crouse, NC

I'd like some liberties unworsened, thank you.

—Tony, Fairfield, OH

Don't kill net neutrality. The US is already lagging behind almost all of Europe, Japan, and South Korea in terms of internet service. Killing net neutrality ensures that America will fall further behind and be less competitive, all so a handful of multimillionaires can get slightly richer. Sacrificing the future of America for a few dollars now isn't in the interest of you, me, or the vast majority of this country.

—Joshua, Atlanta, GA

For the first time in history, voices of regular people are able to be heard. Why should we let people who are already loud and rich take that away?

—Ms. Cassie Stolte, Lincoln, NE

Net Neutrality is as simple as education. Both are vital for the continued expansion of our society and solidifying our future. No one company deserves the power to regulate any aspect of the internet. Companies are temporary, the knowledge and consciousness of humanity is forever.

—Sage Gibbons, East Hampton, NY

Net neutrality is important to me for the same reason newspapers were important to the start of the United States. As a matter of fact the Internet (in a net neutral state) is the most important advancement that the human race has made since the printing press. Can you all please stop this idiotic race to subjugate the transmission of ideas and data? Yes you will make more money, but you could also do the same with indentured slavery of our bodies in addition to just our online lives.

—Andres Flores, Watsonville, CA

So I already put in a comment, but the more and more I researched this, the angrier I got. Sure, alone I may not have enough of a voice seeing as how I don't have money to throw around like the CEO's of AT&T, Verizon, or Comcast, but I have to put my foot down on this. Letting the cable companies have their way with the internet, even if they say that they won't harm it, is a horrible way to go. I cannot trust them with it, even if they supply my very crappy internet. Please, I know that it isn't easy to craft rules that will grant free internet to everyone while also appeasing the cable companies (and the government), but you cannot let them have their way. I ask as a very concerned citizen of a FREE nation to let our internet be FREE. I'm sorry for the caps, I just felt it might add more flare. Anyway, please, if you won't stand up for us, no one will. Unless we plan to revolt, but I've probably missed those meetings as I haven't heard much about a riot.

—Jorge Vazquez, Colton, CA

With an ever increasing dependence on the internet for communication, commerce, and entertainment, the abolition of Net Neutrality would give ISPs a near monopoly on every aspect of interpersonal life in both the public and private spheres. This cannot happen.

—Alexander Garner, Potomac, MD

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want the same great network that is the internet, to be open for new ideas. We all use the internet. It is a wonderful thing that delivers our communications to their destination. The internet doesn't belong to the cable companies. I was about to say that everyone owns the internet but that isn't quite true but I do know that the internet doesn't belong to a cable company, a fiber provider, a wireless service provider, or even to google. Those entities are deliverers of the internet only. They may own the lines that run to your house but they do not get to control what runs through them. They don't have to facilitate anything they don't want to because just like anyone else they can't be forced to do anything they don't want to do, but if they don't care to participate in your digital transaction they cannot prohibit others from doing so in their absence. So if an internet service provider doesn't want to deliver content at the agreed upon speed then they need to let other companies and facilitate that connection. I have gone on far too long now but I just want it clear that I am frustrated with the new status quo and wish that something would give so that we can be free from our oppressors.

—James Wilson, springville, UT

The world wide web is more than some commodity. It is more than a utility. It is global consciousness, and must be protected. It should differ from every other vital aspect of our lives where "pay to play" is so pervasive. All voices are equally important.

—philip N williams, freeland, PA

To whom it may concern: In this day and age, money is increasingly being equated to speech, and subsequently, the voice of the "average" American is being drowned out by well-funded corporate interests. Having the financial means to dictate the shape of our democracy by simply BUYING control flies in the face of all that our country stands for. I urge you to take a stand and prevent the internet -perhaps the single greatest tool yet developed by man to create an accessible, democratic forum of free speech- from being taken over by monied interests. Please: oppose net neutrality.

—C R, Eureka, CA

The internet is the first man-made place to share ideas and thoughts openly and freely. Anyone who can honestly argue against that mentality with a straight face recently had their pockets lined by Verizon and AT&T. So go ahead, do what you want and what gets you the most funding so you can "Focus on the important matters for your constituents" while ignoring what we actually say. Prove definitively that Princeton's study is correct and ignore the majority once again.

—Benjamin Charlier, Winter Haven, FL

I support Net Neutrality. Keep the Internet neutral.

—Robert Crozier, Mobile, AL

Net neutrality is only fair. It's such a common-sense principle, and we shouldn't even need to talk about it except for the fact that certain very rich people have seen an illicit opportunity to gain money by rising to Emperor Palpatine levels of corruption. Come on. There's no way they actually believe the lies they're feeding us about net neutrality like they're doing it for our own good. I am an American citizen and I have a fundamental right to free speech. It is our nation's first and most iconic amendment. I have the right to speak freely, both offline and on, without some megarich companies effectively censoring me by restricting access to what I say--by making it difficult to read what I write through either charging money for it (of which I would never see a penny) or by slowing down connection speed to a snail's pace thereby making access inconvenient and difficult. Likewise, I don't appreciate anyone else's free speech being made not-so-free in a similar manner, and in a manner that also infringes on the right to free press. I have a right to unrestricted, uncensored, unbiased information about the world I live in. That's already difficult enough to come by these days, and I highly doubt killing net neutrality will do anything to increase the neutrality of what is ON the net. The true culprit here is, as always, greed. For some reason there are people who want more money than they could possibly spend in ten lifetimes, money for the sake of money. These companies already have unimaginably vast sums of money. If I can learn to be happy with a paycheck of a few hundred bucks, selfish creature that I am, their CEOs can learn to live with just a few million dollars. TL;DR: Seriously. Don't be so freaking evil. What you're doing is illegal, it's demeaning, and it's disfranchising.

—Marita Rivir, Norwood, OH

As an independent web developer my ability to provide service to my clients would be severely hindered by allowing ISPs to dictate the speeds at which my websites could be accessed. Tiered internet is against the founding principles of open and equal information that have made the web the tool it is today.

—Chris Owen, Ayer, MA

Net neutrality is about freedom and equality and so is America. Preserve net neutrality.

—Joshua Burrell, Anchorage, AK

The internet belongs to the people and the minute we corrupt the last bastion of free and equal thought is the time that men should come to fear.

—kris McEwen, Newport News, VA

Net Neutrality is quite literally in the interest of all people. Rich corporations will always find ways to squeeze money out of all they can, and with the arrival of Net Neutrality this will not change. What will change however is culture, quality of life, and most importantly, the ease of the sharing of information. A more informed populace, with the amazing tool of the internet at hand becomes a more intelligent populace, and a better people. For a well known example, let's look to Wikipedia, a site visited every second by the curious student, the researchers, those who want to learn more (leaving out the possible caveats for a moment). With Net Neutrality, a non-profit organization such as Wikipedia can continue to thrive and spread across the world. With 4,000,000+ articles, anyone, anywhere can learn about almost anything they want, from the 1964 Winter Olympics, to professional beatboxing, or Quantum Mechanics. Without Net Neutrality, Wikipedia will be overshadowed by such sites as eBay, Amazon, AMC, FOX and other multibillion dollar corporations. Who are we to say what is important and what is not, to other people? As a student of Archaeology, Literature, Philosophy and Photography, I myself have needed to visit various basic websites in the past in order to research, further my knowledge and understand my passions and hobbies. These vital tools at my disposal would be trailing behind more popular services on the internet, with slow connections, putting up a physical wall between me and my learning, in the sense of the extra time I spend staring at a slow-loading page, because a small, independent organization with few servers and a small budget is unable to pay ISPs for fast lanes. These proposed "internet rules" are bad news for all involved, except those people whose pockets will be lined with green paper, whose offshore bank accounts will be well into eight figures. This is a striking example of discrimination toward most internet users. The internet does not need to be policed in this manner. People need to be able to do what they want; they need rules, sure, but by restricting the use of their internet connection, that they pay money for, that they earned, we are making the internet an awful place. If people cannot have complete freedom whilst using the internet, what is the use of paying for it, month after month? If I cannot sit down, in my own home, at my own computer and be free to browse the internet in the manner I choose, then why would I do it? If these rules and restrictions are prioritising the money-making commercialism on the internet, it is no longer a tool for learning, nor a tool for sharing, or communicating with others. It is a tool to sell, a tool to make money and a tool to keep people controlled. The internet should be none of these things - the internet is used by the people, it was created for the people, and should not be used in this way to create revenue for corporations who are extorting money from those who wish to have a presence online. I understand that money rules all. It is a sad truth that many have come to accept. But this imposed revenue-fascism is crossing the line. As I write this, I am able to do so because the internet is free, and should remain that way.

—Connor Hyden, Crewe,

I am a freelance web designer. It is in my best interest and that if my clients that the internet remain free and open to all newcomers of internet enterprise.

—Caleb Hopper, St. Joseph, MO

At a time when there is rampant, unchecked, and growing inequality in this country (unequaled since the Gilded age), the FCC should be promoting equity among the citizens of this nation. They should be the organization that promotes trust busting, rather than the one that promotes monopolies and the perpetuation of beating down the vast majority of Americans who do not have billions of dollars or lobbyists at our disposal. Creating a tiered system for access to information puts you in the same boat as Iran, China, and North Korea - not great company. Stop letting money ruin what small shred of ethical reasoning you may still possess. Nonsense like this is what sickens me about the state of our country and its governance today.

—Megan Sturdevant, Golden, CO

Net Neutrality is important to preserving the truly free internet that allows innovation and the sharing of ideas and concepts that can change the world. Ending net neutrality will allow ISP providers to control the flow of- or out right crush the sharing of these ideas. No one except the ISP providers will profit from ending net neutrality. Please protect net neutrality.

—Andrew Brock, Maple Park, IL

We need LESS corporate control of the internet and more meaningful competition and municipal internet providers. Our internet is much slower and more expensive than most of our industrialized neighbors, even in big cities where the arguments that America is more expensive to wire do not hold. That is partly because of the laissez faire attitude of the regulators, the FCC is a classic text-book example of a captured agency, where there is a regular interchange between the regulated industry and the body charged with overseeing the public interest. Giving the big telcoms and cable companies more power to exploit the public is a move in the wrong direction. Remember the hundreds of billions of dollars the telcoms got to build out the internet infrastructure that they simply pocketed? <http://www.newnetworks.com/ShowrtSCANDALSummary.htm> What makes you think that lining these corporate pockets with yet more lucre will benefit the public?

—Ed Biow, Oakland, CA

Net neutrality is absolutely vital to maintain small business growth, technological growth, educational freedom, freedom of speech, and free capitalism. The internet has become the only source of information for most of the world. By removing the safeguards that keep it from being strangled by a select few vested interests for profit, you would effectively doom our civilization to an early end.

—Bob, Tallahassee, FL

If there is no net neutrality, ISPs will have the power (and inclination) to shape internet traffic so that they can derive extra benefit from it. For example, several ISPs believe that they should be allowed to charge companies for services like YouTube and Netflix because these services consume more bandwidth compared to a normal website. Basically, these ISPs want a share in the money that YouTube or Netflix make. Without net neutrality, the internet as we know it will not exist. Instead of free access, there could be "package plans" for consumers. For example, if you pay Rs 500, you will only be able to access websites based in India. To access international websites, you may have to pay a bit more. Or maybe there can be different connection speed for different type of content, depending on how much you are paying for the service and what "add-on package" you have bought. Lack of net neutrality, will also spell doom for innovation on the web. It is possible that ISPs will charge web companies to enable faster access to their websites. Those who don't pay may see that their websites will open slowly. This means bigger companies like Google will be able to pay more to make access to Youtube or Google+ faster for web users but a startup that wants to create a different and better video hosting site may not be able to do that. Instead of an open and free internet, without net neutrality we are likely to get a web that has silos in it and to enter each silo, you will have to pay some "tax" to ISPs.

—Michael Danforth, Edmonton,

Net Neutrality is the epitome of free speech. It lets anyone be heard at the same volume as anyone else. It also encourages learning and educating yourself on different viewpoints. It allows people to be creative and innovative. It helps make huge leaps in our society and understanding each other. America has already turned into an oligarchy. Are you going to let the internet become the same? Shame.

—nope and I because its the don't have to say a damn thing about internet myself, Beverly hills, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I shouldn't have my right to access websites affected by the corporate interests of my ISP. Violating Net Neutrality will have a chilling effect on free speech and the Internet as a whole.

—Kartik Venguswamy, Washington, DC

Im looking into supporting myself and my family through content creation on youtube and in other places. Allowing cable providers to dictate who does and does not receive an acceptable level of service and discriminate against content puts my livelihood at risk, and flies in the face of our nation proud tradition of a fair market and our history of preventing consumer abuse by monopolies.

—Jacob Miller, weatherford, TX

The thing that astounds me the most is that it really shouldn't even be up for debate. The motives of the internet providers are so blatantly greed that I cannot begin to fathom why they are even getting an audience. And the fact that they are making headway is even more disheartening. In fact, I imagine, the only reason pedophilia couldn't be made legal here is that they just don't have the financial backers lined up. Therefore, pedophilia = end of net neutrality. My logic is just as good as the logic utilized by the cable companies. Make the right call FCC.

—Reeves Garnett, Alexandria, VA

Net Neutrality is important to guarantee the freedom of speech on the internet. Our country is not designed on freedom of speech being only available for those with enough money. Although the internet is an invention and originally seen as a privately owned venture, it is now so integrated into daily society that it should be considered as universally available and affordable as power, water, sewer, trash, etc. As for myself, as a digital artist who sells my art online, my future would be put on the line by an internet that takes bribes for higher speeds. I could never keep up with corporations to keep my art viewable in a reasonable amount of time. I would give up and invest my money elsewhere.

—Russell Clenney, Gainesville, FL

Please help us with this unfair treatment. How is it that in a one person household, literally living completely alone, the internet gives me so many issues. We need better services or we will find a way to not deal with cable companies any longer. If there's a will there's a way and if the company ends up losing power, it's their own fault after all for not helping us in the first place

—Jasmine, Bronx, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because, as a linux, I frequently install software, as well as seed the Bit Torrent files of Linux distributions. I cannot have my data transfers throttled. Otherwise I cannot continue to help the Linux community.

—Mr. Jason Anderson, Lewisville, TX

I shouldn't have to pay more than other people for the same amount of internet

—Trevor Gross, east setauket, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because it means that everyone is on an equal footing when it comes to the internet. Can you honestly call yourself an American if you're promoting less equality? People shouldn't be punished just because they can't afford better internet.

—Matthew Edward Bunyard, Manhattan, KS

Net neutrality really is very beneficial to everyone- I think it is disturbing that major cable companies are trying to charge higher rates for faster speeds. Seriously, is it not enough that these companies are already raking in billions each year in profits while simultaneously lowering investments each year? These companies are already enormously profitable, and this not harmed by keeping neutrality which is universally beneficial to all consumers of any demographic. Let's not create such a backwards step in our amazing technology that would also allow better access to those who can afford it. Let's please not allow corporations who pretend to have friends become bullies to it's consumers either!

—Peggy Eldeen, San antonio, TX

I love the internet the way it is. Would you put a bumper sticker on a Ferrari?

—Gary Miller, Denver, CO

All our technology depends on high-speed Internet. Fast-lanes take the ability to use that away from so many people...and that will eventually hurt you. Also, keeping the Internet neutral is better for small businesses, especially those that are just starting out.

—Angelica K, Sutton, MA

Dear FFC, I believe in net neutrality because Internet providers shouldn't be allowed to choose what content we can and can't view.

—Andy, Fallon, NV

Net neutrality is the key to an open and affordable Internet. A key which needs to be protected for the further advancement of our society. Applicable companies to line their pockets with more cash will only tighten the wallets of the consumer and slow down technological advancement. I already pay cable companies for the ability to access any website choose (at a less than truthfully advertised speed, I might add). Allowing cable companies the right to charge companies like Netflix for a preferred lane is akin to me driving to your house and paying Interstate tolls and you receiving a bill as well because it was YOUR house I was going to. Doesn't make a whole lot of sense, does it?
—Jacob Hess, Joliet, IL

I want to ensure that the internet remains a safe haven for people to breed ideas and not be constricted due to favoritism.
—James Vaughn, Middletown, OH

Net neutrality allows for equal opportunity for internet based businesses, and to take that away could allow a oligopoly to form, in which a few internet providers would be able to decide which businesses would be capable of succeeding.
—Charles Gill, Port Arthur, TX

I think net neutrality is important and if you did manage to take it away I would join and support any protest or boycott group I could. You guys are jerks.
—Janelle, la mesa, CA

My family can barely afford internet connection as it is. Now, we even have to pitch in every month to pay AT&T for one service, because it's become so expensive. The only reason we make the sacrifice is because as students, my family understands we need access to a vast amount of information. The internet is made up of millions of people, contributing their own two cents to this service in a variety of ways. No corporation should have the right to manipulate and deny us an equal and satisfying quality of connection. That violates my rights, and everyone else in my positions.
—Nicole, Huntington Park, CA

We all watch movies and videos online.....do you want everyone in the world to know what you watch? If you take away Net Neutrality not only will your movies and videos buffer longer, but you'll either be branded as boring or freaky depending on what you watch. Besides, why kill off something that's been fine and dandy and works? Besides, isint this violating freedom of speech for everyone? There will be more your mom jokes that become true just because.... Too long, didn't read? Too bad, read it
—Brooke Potter, Kansas City, MO

Keep the net neutral. Allowing ISP to regulate and charge more for certain traffic is wrong
—Vickie hammer, Gardner, KS

The internet in its current state is the greatest public forum. Eliminating net neutrality would silence the poor and hurt innumerable small businesses. Net neutrality always the internet to be a more equal place and provides more opportunities for everyone, not just big corporations.
—Wesley Giver, Westerville, OH

net neutrality is FREEDOM. VIVA LE REVOLUTION. DOWN WITH THE CHAINS OF CABLE COMPANY F*CKERY. YOU ALL SUCKperiod
—Anonymous Best, urone, MN

Net neutrality is important because the internet is a great source for knowledge and learning. If companies are allowed to decide which sites load faster than other sites, to decide what they believe is right for Me to learn, I think it will not be in our best interest.
—Parker Hicks, plano, TX

Net Neutrality protects our freedom of speech by allowing equal access to anything on the net.
—Cameron Phillips, Raleigh, NC

If ten old rich men get to decide which websites I can view, they have the power to destroy a capitalist economy. the main idea behind capitalism is Adam Smith's theory that competition actually EXISTS. If comcast has the power to destroy small business by taking them off the internet, then we have no competition, we have a monopoly. for the sake of anti-trust values, a small conglomerate cannot control the market.

—Filipp Krasovsky, Los Angeles, CA

Save our internet neutrality please and thank you

—Darrin Hults, Gresham, OR

Because this is ridiculous. It's not capitalism, it's corporatism. Which, really, is just communism with corporations. And that's uncool.

—Caleb Burton, borger, TX

The end of net neutrality would be the end of internet entrepreneurship. Facebook may not exist right now if it wasn't for net neutrality. If net neutrality didn't exist, Mark Zuckerberg may have not had the money to purchase a "fast lane" from cable companies. Regardless how much more user friendly and over all appealing Facebook is, people would rather use a lesser site like Myspace if it is much faster. Net neutrality's demise would change the internet from a capitalist system into a totalitarian one. Larger websites could bribe the cable companies into denying new competing websites usable speeds while ensuring that their own websites will be much faster, making websites like Amazon impossible to compete with, as new competing websites would not be able to pay the cable companies as much money as Amazon could.

—Darryn Splawn, seminole, OK

Net Neutrality is important to me because I do not want to be discriminated in my usage of the internet. Allowing companies to create a two-tiered Internet is absolutely ridiculous and disastrous to the betterment of the American people. There are many local organization such as libraries that provide free internet access to patrons, many of whom are not able to afford their own internet. Libraries, already with a low budget in many places, would be forced to use slower internet connection. This would detract from the knowledge-sharing that can be gained from using the internet to promote economic success and independence in the people. More than that, it is a fact that the country has not recovered completely from the Great Recession. Allowing companies to put a limit on internet speed can be damaging to small businesses and entrepreneurs. More important than all the economic consequences is that allowing companies to limit the internet speed will open the floodgates to further invasion and limitation of public goods and services.

—Rebecca Guzman, Chicago, IL

Please FCC don't give into the data companies that are trying to stop net neutrality in its tracks. It's just plain wrong. You helped us beat Ma Bell so this shouldn't be that hard. If we were still using dial internet would this even be an issue? Today I can file my taxes, make a phone call, and manage my bank statements all over my data connection. How is this not a communication tool deserving of consumer protection?

—Andrew Scoular, Baton Rouge, LA

Please preserve net neutrality. An end to it would be an end to innovation and creativity from regular folks (think Google would be around without these rules in place?) and will only serve to give all power to yet another group of greedy, self-interested, elitist scumbags.

—Charles Norton, Bend, OR

Net Neutrality is the most important aspect of the internet. As a free, and open space to create and develop, the internet must be kept this way and improved, not diminished. The most recent changes that are coming from Tom Wheeler will ruin the internet and stifle the growth of humanity all for some dollars that are ultimately meaningless. I hope these rules will be repealed and reworked to allow the consumers, the ones paying for access to all of the internet, unlimited and open access to everything the internet has to offer.

—Andrew Fisher, San Marcos, TX

Seriously dudes? What the fuck?

—Luke Spurlock-Brown, Iowa City, IA

Dear FCC, Please put into law rules and regulations for Net Neutrality. There are so few things in this world that don't get mucked about with by big businesses throwing around money. Sometimes they help, often they hurt, and they always have their interests first. The Internet is a place that has helped to free us of such things, and I'd prefer it stay that way. Thank you for listening.

—Westen Masterson, Alpine, UT

Americans already pay more money for shittier internet service than the rest of the world. If you kill Net Neutrality you will basically demolish any hope we have of correcting a system that badly needs reform. Do the responsible thing and don't fix the only thing about our internet service that isn't broken.

—Eric, La Mesa, CA

It is important to me because I don't know the internet without it, and it seems that without it we stand a chance of further losing our world to tyrants ruled by money.

—Kevin, Baltimore, MD

There is NO WAY in which the end of Net Neutrality would help the average citizen of this country. We would be cut off from content that - while perhaps less popular than the big megasites -- is interesting and important to us. It would also endanger freedom of speech, devalue websites from other nations, slow traffic for non-English speakers, and provide absolutely no benefit whatsoever save perhaps a popular site loading one nanosecond faster. The ONLY reason to end Net Neutrality is to put yet more money in the coffers of very rich companies already allowed to operate almost entirely free of oversight. Tom Wheeler's plan is anti-American, anti-citizen, and frankly makes me wonder just who bribed him, and how much. RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS.

—Amy Vincent, New Orleans, LA

Net Neutrality is important because a company should not be able to arbitrarily limit my free speech and accessibility to information in exchange for money.

—Cole Mason, Chicago, IL

When the library at Alexandria burned, the world burned with it. When the Mongol Empire sacked the library at Bagdad, the Euphrates ran black with ink. Had neither of these things happened, Columbus would have landed on the moon, instead of Florida. The internet is the greatest library mankind has ever known. People wander about every day with all the knowledge and art and basic humanity of all of history - then AND now - in their pockets. To allow corporations to decide what is and is not important would be, in plain terms, a crime against humanity. To allow Verizon or ComWarner to dictate the ability of human beings to share information with human beings would be a crime against humanity. To throttle the internet: the hope and dream of a connected future of human progress, intelligence and socialization... Would be a crime against humanity. Do not. Do not. Do NOT. Ever. Destroy humanity's best hope for the future.

—Aaron, Mount Morris, NY

The Net is a more powerful communication system than cable, radio, and telephone COMBINED, because it can fulfill all of those and more. It's the future, and you can't let the companies in danger of being replaced (Comcast, Verizon, et al) dictate what happens to it.

—Mr. Joshua Brown, Everett, WA

Who decides what sites or specific content should be allowed? If online schooling became less profitable for ISP's to support would there be a rule in place to make sure people could continue their education using a reliable connection of sufficient speed? How about buying diapers online from a site that has the best deal? What about Skype? Do we slow down connections for less popular people? This entire issue is not about making the internet better for some and keeping it the same for everyone else. The net effect will be anti-competitive and monopolistic market control veiled in so called regulation. It flies in the face of anti-trust legislation, whether by the word of the law, if not the spirit. I am all for less government intrusion. In this case it isn't government intrusion. Killing net neutrality will be a corporate intrusion into legitimate government function. Also known as fascism. It is a subversion of American principles and will only lead to the degradation of free exchange of ideas and commerce. The internet has changed the world for the better because of it's inherent equality. Allowing for speech to be passed at the same speed whether we agree with it or not. There is no cure for being healthy, just as there is no reason to place artificial preference for speech. Thank you.

—Ryan Hayes, Lake Stevens, WA

Net Neutrality is what prevents total internet control. If you don't stop this we will be like china in censorship.

—Rebecca Meyers, Eugene, OR

I don't want my ability to seek my avenues of interest defined by what makes the ISPs the most money.

—Christopher Chance, overland park, KS

Allowing higher priority for certain types of internet traffic over others threatens freedom of speech and enables monopolization of services that rely on the internet. The currently proposed rules need to be discarded, and ISP's need to be classified as common carriers in any future proposals.

—Ben Tobin, Albuquerque, NM

Reclassify ISPs as Title 2 providers. Do not kill net neutrality.

—Christie Joseph, Boulder, CO

As a disabled person who is limited to physical activities, I need the internet. Not at a slow pace or " the fast lane(which will cost x10 more than the already outrageous price of slow pace internet)". I use it to help plan my medical trips, keep updated on medical advancements and have a social life. The prices for internet now, is already high. There is no competition either. Most of the internet speeds are slower than advertised, and I don't see the companies having any incentive to fix it when they have us by our throats. In short, we, all of the us needs net neutrality. TRUE net neutrality. To be classified as such so it can receive more regulations and to even the playing field. It would be a huge blow to all of the consumers (disabled and non disabled!) and start up companies to not have net neutrality.

—Diana Barlip, Anchorage, AK

Net Neutrality promotes the proper usage of bandwidth among everyone who uses the internet, irrespective of the website they're viewing. To forgo this would be akin to forgoing other basic rights, such as the right to free speech. Startups would be hindered drastically, as they would not be able to ensure their websites load as fast as they would otherwise, since the cable companies would be in control! I urge you to reconsider your position.

—J N. Srinath, Chennai,

Net Neutrality is important for small business owners like me. Requiring payment for 'fast lane' connections means that many small businesses, especially those just getting off the ground, may not make it. The internet was not designed to be corporatized, but rather as a forum for connecting and the free exchange of ideas - for FREE. He who has the gold should NOT make the rules. Equality is also at stake. If you end net neutrality, you are tacitly admitting that you think people with more money are more important or better than the average person. Sadly, most of the corporate jerks who are instigating this probably pass off work requiring the internet to subordinates. Why should people who are out of touch with the internet be allowed to make rules regarding its use? That's right- they shouldn't.

—Ariel Scott, Coffeyville, KS

Good job FCC you idiots are going to ruin the internet if you don't make ISP's common carriers FUCKING MAKE THEM COMMON CARRIERS JESUS CHRIST ITS NOT HARD TO SEE YOU NEED TO.

—Brian A. Beard, Mobile, AL

Net neutrality is essential for our society as a whole. The fact that this is such a widespread issue, is the direct cause of internet neutrality. What type of culture would we have if cable companies, essentially regulated what people can do and see online?

—Damien DeLelles, Tempe, AZ

Hello there, please work to make the internet a public utility service for America. We want a fair and equal internet.

—Maria Page, San Clemente, CA

I'm tired of corporations controlling the politics and policies that are supposed to protect the PEOPLE of this NATION. They play their games to their own benefit and it must stop! Stop letting the communications networks from controlling you! Label them as public utilities, reign them in! Have the fucking balls to put them in their places!

—Justin Santana, Lockport, NY

As a software engineer whose primary business is building web presences for small- to medium-sized businesses, the idea of net neutrality is not only pleasant, but necessary. Without net neutrality, my clients will struggle to establish themselves on the Internet. Without an Internet presence, their businesses will certainly not thrive and may indeed be forced to close. Think about two kids opening lemonade stands. Both kids show up to the same corner at the same time on the same day and set up identical lemonade stands selling identical lemonade. For grins, let's say business is brisk at both stands for the first week and both kids make some money. One kid (Stan) takes an ad out in one local paper (the Times) while the other kid (Jeff) takes an ad out in the other local paper (the Post). It turns out the Times has a lot more lemonade drinkers and Stan starts making some good money. The local city council decides that the streets are too crowded so they place a mandatory wait time of 10 seconds between each customer, unless the lemonade stand owner can pay a fee. Stan, having fortuitously taken his ad out in the Times, can pay the fee so the city council removes the 10 second wait time from his stand. Jeff made the unfortunate mistake of taking his ad out in the Post so he doesn't have the money to pay the city council. The 10 second wait time is kept in place on Jeff's stand and his customers start leaving. They still want lemonade so they go to Stan's stand instead. Stan now makes more money than he would have previously because he's getting all of his business plus most of Jeff's business. If the above scenario were actually played out, we'd call it bribery or extortion (depending on the vantage point). From Jeff's point of view the city council is extorting him (pay us money or we'll keep imposing limits on you). From an outsider's standpoint it looks like Stan is bribing the city council (paying money for extra benefits). On the Internet, though, we're actually considering this exact scenario. It is shameful that the government would even consider allowing Internet Service Providers to provide faster speeds to the businesses who can already afford to pay more.

—Andrew Webster, Gilbert, AZ

I oppose the actions of Time-Warner, Comcast, Verizon, and other opponents of an open, free internet. They would kneecap independent businesses and business competitors (such as Netflix, an internet-based video site, which is being charged extra for their allotted bandwidth) by slowing their access to the web and charging extra for proper access. I am absolutely fed up with megalithic corporations impeding MY free speech and my ability to spread my opinions on the internet. It's sickening, and the FCC is the main body of government responsible for keeping the internet safe from predators like those looming cable-internet oligarchs. Restore net neutrality!

—Will Stayskal, Dearborn, MI

Net neutrality is the key to global unity, and freedom of speech.

—Faris Alkordi, Charles Town, WV

We have a right to free speech and we pay for it on the internet. Like Comcast internet service. You have no right under the current free speech to dictate that. I will gladly back it up by using an internet provider which would not limit me.

—Ann C. Jackson, Snohomish, WA

It's the last place on Earth, that is actually free.

—Daniel Arthur Romanski, Newport, RI

I need net neutrality so that my friends and people interested in the free things I put out may access them fairly. I need net neutrality so that I'm not forced to pay more for visiting the websites I need or simply want to use. We need net neutrality so that the Web may remain a place of freedom and ideas that enrich the world.

—Przemysław Orłowski, Golub-Dobrzyń,

Broadband internet is as much a utility as phone service and electricity. ISPs need to be classified as common carriers and regulated accordingly. Don't let the open internet become just one more casualty of corporate greed - protect net neutrality!

—Ms. Andrea Johnston, Batesville, IN

What good for the common man can come out of net neutrality loss? How does what amounts to a suppression of free speech benefit anyone without a fat bank account? In what way does controlling the amount of information the general population receives lead to a better tomorrow? I am behind whatever movement that does the majority of people, in the U.S.A. And abroad, more good than harm, and thriving cable companies, who fund currently fund a few politicians, would benefit few, and possibly even harm some. It's a slippery slope, right? First, cable companies, and whoever pays them, restrict access to websites that spread damaging information about them. Then, what is acceptable to say in public will change. Then, who knows? Plus, y'know, porn.

—Jacob Hnatiak, Bellingham, WA

All websites and services should be treated the same. In order to protect all people's freedom of speech, net neutrality should be protected. No particular service or site should be discriminated against.

—Jessica Rushing, West Monroe, LA

What the US does has a flow on effect in the rest of the world, if not directly effects it. Set a good example: Keep net neutrality. It is important that the internet is a level playing field for everyone.

—Devon Braithwaite, Auckland,

This isn't some resource you can withhold, like diamond companies do. This is the god dammed internet, where everyone has a fair, and equal chance to have access to the information available on the internet. Don't let these monopolistic companies let you think other wise. Do what's right for the good of the people.

—Cole, acworth, GA

The cable and internet companies have for decades had their proverbial cake and eaten it, too, enjoying local monopolies like those of utilities to protect their investments in infrastructure, with none of the oversight or civic responsibility to deliver the services promised and paid for by consumers on a consistent basis. Their ploy to end net neutrality and further conglomerate providers is nothing but a lazy cash grab designed for lowering their costs and quality of services while raising prices on consumers. That every so-called advocacy group lobbying for ending net neutrality is operated, funded and controlled by cable executives and their cronies shows this plan is good for no one but cable companies and their corporate shareholders. Internet access has become a necessary utility for everything from finding a job and subsequently completing work-related tasks, to applying to college, to managing government benefits. Do not end net neutrality.

—Matthew James Hudgins, Athens, GA

Stop messing with a good thing, the companies make more than enough money already and the internet is a utility, not a simple commodity.

—Devin, Concord, CA

Seriously? I need to TELL the FCC why Net neutrality is a vital issue? This is still the year 2014, right? Are we really undecided as to whether we should let cable companies like COMCAST, which have provided very expensive and very dicey service, to decide who gets faster download speeds and who gets to wait very long time periods for internet content based on how much they're willing to pay when the technology is available for equal rate? how many other countries do this? Oh, mainly just the USA? Really?

—Patrick Villano, San Francisco, CA

I'm stuck with Time Warner until Google Fiber shows up, so I'd rather that interim be as un-painful as possible. I'd rather services I like, such as Netflix, be able to continue providing a quality service instead of forcing them to give more money to ISPs that clearly don't care about their customers. Please, don't dismantle net neutrality.

—Michael Baumgartner, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is important because, contrary to some of the tenuous arguments made by Communication CEOs, net neutrality fosters and magnifies the freedom of speech for the common people. Despite what the idiots in the US Supreme Court think, money does not equal speech. A rich person should not have more rights than a poor person, even though that is currently how it works in the corrupt, corporate system.

—Charles Diab, Tempe, AZ

Net neutrality is important because it protects and reinforces our freedom of speech. Allowing ISPs to slow down, speed up, or block websites at their own volition is a violation of the first amendment. I do not want some company heads deciding what I can or cannot see on the internet. Also, forcing websites to pay extra money to the ISPs in order to get on "fast lanes" will have monetary effects on the general population as well. If ISPs charge websites extra money, then free sites may not remain free much longer and sites that already charge a fee (Netflix, Hulu Plus, etc.) will also have to increase the amount of money they charge people, adding onto the consumers' bills on top of ISP charges. Additionally, ISPs could also have the power to block/allow sites based on political/religious views, and most people will not agree 100% with their provider's views, and so will never be truly happy with their provider. The internet should be a haven for free speech, not third party censorship.

—Joaquin Acosta Jr., El Paso, TX

Simply put, Net Neutrality is one of the most important issues faced by our society today. When the cable companies have the right to make for-pay fast lanes, they're limiting other people's right to free speech. Make it so the internet is regulated like a utility- in the modern world it is a necessary part of a household today- school children are required to use it for classwork, it is increasingly necessary to find jobs using the internet only, and many people telecommute to work- using the internet. It is a basic right to a first-world country. Treat it as such.

—Christopher Smith, Bowling Green, KY

I'm hearing about some bullcrap about the attacks on net neutrality, both directly and by making fake citizen's groups. Lemme tell you something: Try anything and your stocks will crash faster than you can say 'Oh shit' because nobody is gonna stand for that. So, uh, keep your grubby mitts in the cable buisness.

—Defensecraft, New Hope, MN

Net neutrality is important to me because it is a public good that needs to be protected. It has helped many people access information, goods, and services while providing business and organizations an avenue to provide goods and services. It is important to treat all data the same and not provide preferential treatment.

—George Chacon, Studio City, CA

I believe that Net Neutrality is important for a number of reasons. The biggest for me are that I may want to start my own indie game company soon and if I want to be able to advertise for my products I wouldn't be able to as easily as those who already invested in the industry meaning it would be harder for me to compete. This problem applies to any start up company out there that doesn't have a lot of starting investment. The second being that I support a lot of nonprofits and issues groups that wouldn't be able to afford to pay for the "fast lane" internet speeds, but still have important issues they would want to get out there including things that cable companies may not like. A large number of people in modern times are starting to turn to the internet as their main source for information, and if Net Neutrality ends then the cable companies will essentially have control over who gets to share information on the internet essentially giving them the right to censor people if they want to. This goes against the very foundations in which this country was built on and I don't want the FCC to just stand by and let that happen.

—Matthew Payne, Norfolk, VA

FCC, getting rid of net neutrality is simply a bad decision. It gives companies such as Comcast and Verizon the ability to make certain webpages load faster than others, effectively turning internet pages into a bidding war. Its a bad decision and takes power away from the people. Please don't let this happen.

—Lucas Maier, Issaquah, WA

The internet was not created by corporations. They should not be able to control it.

—Rose, Miami, FL

Common sense, mostly. I cannot think of a single user who actually would -enjoy- these changes.

—Jeremy Haisten, Phoenix, AZ

Pour la verité , et la liberté.

—Schwob, dombasle,

Once again the U.S. government has conflated money with the freedom of speech. Allowing Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T to charge for various rates of speed will destroy the Internets' ability to function as a populist tool, and will relegate the majority of American businesses to a second-class status. Any free speech argument made on the behalf of telecommunications companies is just a smokescreen to cover the fact that this is, quite simply, an attempt to legalize price gouging.

—Samuel Case, San Antonio, TX

The cable companies are filthy rich enough as it is without the entirely illegal monopoly they already have becoming even more profitable for them at the expense of everyone except them which is exactly what will happen if net neutrality is ended, i could go on for hours with examples of cable companies lies and extortion but i doubt anyone is actually going to read this, but just in case, i'll leave you with this <http://www.cracked.com/quick-fixes/5-absurd-cable-company-ex-cuses-killing-internet/>

—James, ruskin, FL

Support net neutrality, the cable companies are making another attempt to make the rich richer and the poor poorer.

—Christian T Anjos, Union, NJ

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want to learn freely and I want the same for my daughter. The internet contains, essentially, the compilation of all human knowledge. If a person may only access those portions of knowledge which pay for the most accessibility, my daughter could grow up never learning anything beyond how wonderful fossil fuels are, who the Kardashians are boning now, who Kanye has offended this week, and what unhealthy and disgusting societal standards of beauty are imperative this season. This idea is so powerfully disgusting to me that I feel the need to bleach my brain and eyeballs right now just for writing this.

—Dylan Crowley, Leominster, MA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protection of free speech is vital and the internet is bastion preserving this ideal.

—Jesse Byrd, Medley, FL

FUCK YOU FCC YOU'VE FUCKED OUR RIGHTS TO HAVE OUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION. EVERYONE FUCKING CUSSES, GET OVER YOURSELVES YOU CHRISTIAN FUCKS. THE INTERNET IS THE LAST THING THAT HASN'T BEEN FUCKED OVER BY YOU PEOPLE.

—Alvin DeezNuts, Hawthorne, CA

In a technologic age, Internet access must be viewed as a necessity. This is a utility, no less important to survival than electricity. It is with utmost importance that the Internet be protected as a bastion of unfettered access to information. If net neutrality would cease to exist it would mean an absolute consolidation of power by service providers, a monopolization. We cannot allow massive corporations to simply buy legislation that allows them to strangle the greatest invention of all man kind. This proposed legislation is not only wildly unpopular, but also ethically bankrupt. I beg of you, to make the right decision, to stand with the people, not against them. For when history looks back at this period in time they will not note the amount of money the heads of the FCC reaped, they will only see a degradation of the greatest resource available to mankind.

—Ryan Harlow, Charleston, WV

Net Neutrality is paramount to the preservation of an equal internet. By limiting the data of websites incapable or unwilling to pay fees, you would be creating a two tier system by which telecommunication companies could extort websites and corporations that provide digital content. I urge you to consider the principals of our antitrust laws already in place in other spheres of business and settle this once and for all: Net Neutrality is here to stay.

—James Fields, Kansas City, MO

Please tell the cable companies to go and do some anatomically impossible things to themselves and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

Thanks, Luke

—Luke McClung, Shreveport, LA

I pay them to use their hardware to access someone's website. Why should the webmaster then pay money to let their website be seen? This is blackmail plain and simple.

—Alexander Thomas Belmore, Middleboro, MA

As a family who owns a small business, we need a free and open Internet in order to help it grow and hope to compete with bigger, more established business. A level playing field is the foundation for the American Dream. To change that would fly in the face of what this country was founded upon. The alternative would be corporate tyranny.

—Martin Mondejar, Scottsdale, AZ

The internet is a place where the world can share its ideas, limiting that in any way or making it pay-for-play would kill that idea sharing community.

—Grant Hazzard, Carmichael, CA

Go ahead. I dare you. End Net Neutrality. I'll watch as the palace burns. I'll parked across the street, laughing, watching it burn, all Halloween orange and chimney red.

—Douglas Einspahr, KEARNEY, NE

Because removal of net neutrality will create a wall that will prevent all but those who already have the money from creating a truly successful website, and that's just plain awful.

—Caitlin, Wylie, TX

Is there any other way to line the pockets of the super rich with out bending over the little guys? Do you have no shame at all? I mean seriously, if I have to explain how this is wrong, what the fuck are you even good for? You are supposed to keep these guys in check and you bend us over because they have money for you? You know who else monitors and picks and chooses who/what/when/where? China, Russia, N Korea. Do you really want the USA following their lead and help push us closer to communism/big brother so these billion dollar companies can expand their bank wallets? Why is it that websites that sell merchandise or subscriptions are more important than what the general population(meaning everybody who isn't affiliated with TWC, Comcast, Verizon) can suck it?

—Robert Healey, Kaneohe, HI

If net neutrality goes away, the backlash will be so severe that the governing power of the FCC will be brought under harsh scrutiny. You can tell that a lot of people passionately care about this issue--trying to constrain the Internet will only make people fight for even greater freedom, and they will probably win. Why try so hard to make things worse for the general public in the short term and yourselves in the long term?

—Riley Pearsall, New York, NY

Please do not let money decide what is best for the people. Make the internet public domain.

—Rachel Reeves, Seattle, WA

Net Neutrality matters to me because we all really know what the ISP companies will do if they get their way. They are simply looking for a way to squeeze more cash out of everyone, which will only hurt the economy more by hurting small businesses. They're already basically a cartel. Killing Net Neutrality is simply giving them more power. Please Keep Net Neutrality alive!!!

—Kenneth Pulgar-Vidal, Los Angeles, CA

You've screwed up nearly everything else - maybe leave this one alone? People need Net Neutrality. Get some other lobbying groups to pay you for some other stuff and let people have SOMETHING decent for a change.

—Michael Lucchesi, Fairfield, CA

In the world of tomorrow Internet access will be an essential assist for all people. But the fight for this assist is today.

—Kyle Bertelson, marysville, WA

This is incredibly selfish and discriminatory. A service that is offered to everyone should not be split so only those with a bunch of extra money to throw around are able to benefit from it. This is a service that all of us make use of- from government officials to the average college students. Many schools now even have books that are only provided online. Why would allowing people who are able to throw away their money benefit anyone aside from cable companies? It would hurt the common person as well, as now they are not able to do nearly as much and will always be at a disadvantage.

—This is not necessary, not necessary, SC

Since the marginal cost curve of internet access is relatively flat while the demand curve for internet access is relatively steep, the monopoly power of internet providers would yield greater internet access on average with net neutrality. The similar monopoly power of large content providers suggests that the welfare effects of getting rid of net neutrality could be overall negative. The dynamic inefficiency of effectively increasing the cost of making innovations that are difficult to secure with intellectual property right laws further exacerbates the negative welfare effects of getting rid of net neutrality. Finally, the end of net neutrality might allow content providers to more thoroughly escape the confines of Bertrand competition through dramatic specialization. In summation, the internet acts like a homogenous mixture of utilities, and the end of net neutrality could allow the effective formation of monopolies over these "utilities" in separate forms.

—Benjamin Glass, Ann Arbor, MI

The free and open exchange of ideas is vital to a growing democracy. It cannot and should not be monitored and regulated by companies who will promote their interests over the common good.

—Michael Deeley, FAFB, WA

Dear FCC, If net neutrality is dismantled as Comcast and Verizon want to do it will mark the death of internet freedom. If the internet providers can charge more for some stores to run faster, what would stop them from preventing sites they don't agree with from loading at all. By putting this power into the hands of these corporations you would effectively be signalling that money permits the censorship of speech

—David Trudeau, Beaverton, OR

FCC you should be ashamed of yourself if you try to destroy net neutrality. If you control the internet, you are no better than any fascist, dictatorship government whereby what gives USA the right to be the model democracy and militarily dictate world policy. You are turning USA into a hippocrate! Shame.

—Hugo, Morgan Hill, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me as a soldier in the United States Army who has previously deployed to Afghanistan and is now currently serving in South Korea. I know from first-hand experience what internet access is like when service providers are given government authorization to do what they like: incredibly slow speeds, shoddy connection quality, and utterly outrageous prices (all options of which are packaged according to what quality of access you, the soldier, are willing to pay for to do simple things such as stream movies from Netflix or make a Skype call to family back home - and yet there was no significant or recordable difference to notice between different packages purchased). Net Neutrality is also important to me as I look forward to my inevitable transition out of the military and begin civilian life again in a few years as a college student. Ideally, I hope to at least take my basic classes online so that I can maintain a part-time job and am not completely dependent on the G.I. bill for monetary provisions. A loss of net neutrality - that is to say, the ability of individual internet service providers to pick and choose which individual websites they offer faster, more stable internet access to, based solely on the amount of profit the internet service provider can extort from both website owners and users alike - will only raise prices for college courses offered online. The educational institute will have to pay the service provider more in order to ensure their class sites are available in higher quality (and higher priced) "packages"; and online class instructors and attending students will have to bear double that financial strain, as they must pay more just for reliable access to their classes from their private residences. The entire point of online college education is to allow the student to continue to work and earn a living while still continuing their higher education on a flexible schedule, by providing access to curriculum 24/7 - ie, online. The loss of Net Neutrality would severely hamper, if not outright retard, the furtherance of education for an entire group of students. No corporation should have the ability to so directly interfere with an individual's quality of life. The loss of Net Neutrality will devastate the freedom of information that is the entire purpose of the worldwide web - one of the most important technological advances our species has made. The ability to reliably transmit information at amazing speeds has furthered our sciences in every field, increased the global economy across the spectrum, and transformed our perception of cultures and communities across continents. To limit access to this knowledge to the highest bidders has historically resulted in no less than brutal dictatorships, civic deterioration, and cultural regression on pretty much every level. There are NO benefits to allowing corporations exclusive rights to regulate the price of information, other than adding to the dragon's hoard these internet service providers will, by nature, do anything to increase - and dragons do not share.

—Megan Smallwood, Windemere, FL

I need the internet. For knowlege. For my writing. My hopes dream and future rely on a free and open internet. If originazation a like the FCC don't stand up for this right we'll be one step closer to big brother.

—Devin Mitchell Durbin, St Charles, MO

Creativity. Plain and simple. The internet is the biggest, greatest tool of our lifetimes and has changed everything, allowing people to create things we never thought possible. Put it only in the hands of the rich and relegate everyone else to the leftovers and you destroy all that.

—Natalie Gath, Pflugerville, TX

The internet is the most important technological development of the past 20 years. Without net neutrality, you're basically ensuring that we live in a world more absurd and unbelievably corrupted by corporations than anyone could have ever imagined. Please keep the internet neutral. It is a modern utility. There's not much that modern culture can do without it.

—Jerry, Los Angeles, CA

It's the most American option

—Nayahana Yates, Lafayette, IN

Net neutrality is important to me because if all men are created equal. All content created by men should be treated equally. Yes, I understand that is a sweeping generalization.

—Kali, Bucyrus, OH

Just... no. For the love of god, do not get rid of Net Neutrality or allow this "Two Lane" system. Comcast and TWC are pretty much monopolies, why give them more power? There is no way in hell that the corporations aren't going to abuse this proposed system. Putting your trust in them not to abuse this system would be like trusting a five year old to take just one piece of candy that they really like from a bucket that you've left them alone with for ten minutes... just plain stupid.

—Justin Brown, Nashville, TN

I believe that the internet needs to remain an equal playing field for all, anything else stifles innovation and takes advantage of the consumers. Please don't let large corporations choose how they are regulated.

—Evan McGahey, Los Angeles, CA

More competition is better for us as consumers. The greedy ceo's of these companies only want to stuff their pockets and monopolize the market. What choices will we as the little guys have when there is no longer a selection and are forced to use what's available at insane rates.

—Gee, Brooklyn, NY

Cable companies should not be able to decide what speeds we access websites at. No company should have any say in what information we have access to. Allowing a company to make money suppressing information is completely horrendous.

—Courtney Sykes, Casco, MI

There are two things in life I do not trust, based on simple observation and simple history: Corporations and Government. However, in this scenario I would rather the one over the other...choosing the one that does not directly profit off segregating the internet and choosing to nickle and dime anyone who wants the status quo use of the internet. It is also time to break up these super-monopolies, other countries have made faster and cheaper internet for all people by forcing competition and allowing choice...there is really no choice in my area. We all know even before the studies proved it, that the rich and powerful are citizens and we're neo-slaves in this quasi-neo-serfdom -- we're just as animals are kept on semi to moderate "open range" farms, while the poorest are the mechanized caged animals as seen on Monsanto style farms. I'm prepared to ditch Comcast and use my cell phone's 4G internet instead on my PC... I can live with that (and in fact have done so when forced by outages and technical issues), especially if things will be slow regardless due to Internet companies greedy strangle hold over the internet, but ironically it may be faster in the years to come to surf using a phone connection. (Insert very vulgar and profane remark to corporations here) - Joseph Leedy

—Joseph Leedy, Key Largo, FL

My entire livelihood depends on the Internet. If net neutrality died, my business would die due to the amount of sites and work I would lose to keep up with the costs associated for staying relevant to consumer expectations.

—Devin mohr, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is free speech. To let these corporates take that away is unconstitutional and intolerable. There will be repercussions for everyone except for those corporates.

—Chris Stecher, Everett, WA

Because I like fast internet you fucking pieces of shit.

—Trent, Iva, SC

Passing this would straight up kill modern society to make uber rich people even richer

—Matt Dusza, Downers Grove, IL

Net neutrality is essential to the culture of the internet. Allowing cable companies and internet providers to charge content providers money in order to determine the speed and delivery of their data to consumers is a step in the wrong direction. This is simply allowing these internet service providers to rack up more money by charging both sides of the fence. Not to mention, websites who would not have the budget to pay for a fast lane service will be choked out by the few that can. The internet is about expanded choices and freedom, not just lining some ISP's pocket with even more money.

—Mr. Donald S Johnson, Raleigh, NC

I already have crappy internet and letting cable companies do as they please will mean I'll pay more for slower internet. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Josh Bender, Ashland, OR

I believe in the freedom of the internet, and that it is the public forum in which everyone's voice can be heard...not just those who can afford to pay providers to broadcast their message.

—Robert Massie, Belleville, IL

I believe the internet should be more accessible, not less. Consolidation of the internet and everything that comes with it will only hurt America in an information based world.

—Christopher Kim, La Habra, CA

Net Neutrality is very important to me. As a college student struggling to get by, every penny counts. The services i currently enjoy are at a very respectable place. If net neutrality was to be abolished, then all of these services would become unreliable at best. Who gets to determine which sites get into the cable companies' "fast lanes?" one of my genuine concerns is that i will not be able to reliably access my academic web-based services i currently am able to use without restriction. If net neutrality is abolished, my campus could end up having to shell out an inordinate amount of money just to keep their services running at a respectable, usable speed. I find it more likely, however, that if net neutrality is abolished, that my campus would just make as many cuts as they possibly could to web-based academic services to save money. Possibly going as far as removing some online courses. As a student, the lack of net neutrality worries me greatly.

—Scott Dziak, Grand Forks, ND

Net Neutrality is important to me because, living outside of the US, all my connections to the US come through different ISPs and if they're allowed to throttle connections at whim, then the quality of my internet will decrease dramatically. ISPs do not require benefits, but the people who use them DO require the protection.

—Rodrigo L Mendes da Silveira, wellington,

The cable companies already essentially have a monopoly, so this kind of deregulation is unnecessary to say the least. If cable companies have their way they'll charge such a high premium for sites to be in their fast lane that any small upcoming business won't even stand a chance.

—Jason Tureman, Chesapeake, VA

Net neutrality goes against the American ideal of freedom this country was founded upon. It gives the power to those that can afford it, and those who cant will soon be out of business. To punish the smaller corporations would be to restrict the future of our society, and to only further line the pockets of a few greedy CEO's.

—Aidan Dunning, Washington, DC

The cable companies keep screwing people mas supporting their lobby will make it even worse.

—Carl amaya, Tucson, AZ

Don't let America become even worse by letting the corporate gunslingers strip away more of our freedoms and hard earned money!

—Trevor Klein, Brooklyn Park, MN

I believe that a neutral net is an essential requirement to ensure freedom of information, equality of treatment, and reasonable access to vital services. More and more of the services that are central to daily life require the internet, from banking to tax returns, to childrens homework and grocery shopping. These services would be at risk of being placed out of reach of low-income earners, further disadvantaging them and their children. I feel that removing net neutrality would be a mistake on par with the granting of corporate personhood in 1886, the rejection of European corporate control being one of the fundamental reasons behind why America seceded from British rule. I understand that I am not an American, and that my message is one of, undoubtably, thousands that will be recieved, but I do hope that this is recieved by those who have the power to affect this decision, and that you take my words into account. This is a momentous decision, and its repercussions could change how the internet grows and is accessed for generations to come. Regards, Sam.

—Samuel Birchenough, Adelaide,

By removing Net Neutrality, you would make embezzlement legal for internet service providers. Please reconsider this and let the internet stay the way it is.

—Miguel, North Miami Beach, FL

It is important to have a fair and regulated system that all companies have to follow. Allowing companies to blockade the Internet is the same as allowing a monopoly. Should a person be allowed to regulate your actions unrequited? Why not tell the birds they are only allowed to fly below certain speeds. While it wasn't before, regular access to the Internet has become an overall fact of life within this, and other developed countries. You may argue that not everybody does, but just like living within cities, or using public utilities, there are a few that choose not to. The rest have embraced them as a part of life. Don't allow corporations the power to further regulate aspects of our lives.

—Erik Bell, Henderson, NV

Dear FCC Member, Please protect Net Neutrality, giving control of connection speeds to Internet Providers would hamstring the internet in the US. The internet has more then proven to be one of the keys to the future of economical advancement, and allowing the freedom of information to take such a dynamic hit would devastate the advancement of our country. Losing Net Neutrality here would be a hole our country will never be able to recover from. So I ask again, please protect our rights not to be under the thumb of monopolies that have agreed not to compete with each other, and please protect Net Neutrality. Thank you for your time.

—Ernest Suarez, Kensington, MD

I am a mentally ill person I have social anxiety and depression which makes leaving my house and communicating with others difficult. Through the internet I receive support and communicate with people who help my issues with them I would probably not be here today. With net neutrality I would have to pay more money than I could to talk to the people I've kept in contact with for years.

—Kiki, Orlando, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because I value the entrepreneurial spirit necessary to sustain the American Dream- or any dream, for that matter. Losing net neutrality means losing not just an even playing field, but access to the game for all but a select (wealthy) few. Idealism aside, as a consumer I know that net neutrality is the only thing maintaining competition in the market, and that quality of service and products is sure to diminish once big companies can do as they please. On a small scale, this is bad to my wallet. On a macro scale, it's detrimental to the economy. Do not allow the greed of a handful of intimidating and manipulative CEOs to permanently damage commerce and all that the internet provides for countries around the world.

—MK Dresser, Richfield, NC

Net Neutrality is a basic human right. Haven't these huge corporations already made ALL THE MONEY?

—Dee, Medford, OR

The FCC needs to throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers instead. This is the only way to truly preserve free speech in America. No corporation should have the right to interfere with the basic function of the internet in the interest of bolstering profits and/or stifling competition. We already pay them for access; so please reject any attempts by companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to effectively form monopolies controlling what is essentially a public utility.

—Gordon Childs, Ft Meade, MD

Screw the FCC. We want more freedom not less!

—Tommy Love, Liberty Hill, TX

Currently the only way I can keep in contact through my loved one across the country actively is through the internet. She and I hang out together for hours when we have the time and we play games and enjoy each others company. We rely on the internet quite a bit to remain in contact with each other and spend quality time together. I want things to remain the way they are. This change would threaten our chance at happiness until we can settle down together.

—Larry Gutierrez II, Watertown, NY