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I strongly believe that all internet traffic should be treated equally. The internet is a basic information service just like phones. For example, I found my current job (with a small start up company) and applied to it through the internet. Without net neutrality, I am concerned that large corporations would be able to pay to keep their job postings more accessible limiting both applicants access to knowing their potential job options and smaller employers access to applications. In addition, the company I work for is dependent on the internet. We currently successfully compete with much larger companies. Without net neutrality, we would be disproportionately affected by internet fees to keep our services competitive (since as a small company we would not have as strong a negotiating stance with ISPs). Without net neutrality, many industries would have competition stifled causing customers to loose out and monopolies (like ISPs are now) to dominate. For example, Comcast slowed the internet traffic from Netflix until they agreed to pay extra. I find that type of behavior no different than a mob asking for protection money. I strongly believe as a tax payer that the government should be very involved to ensure a fair internet which in turn allows fair competition.

In addition, customers in the US already pay more than most 1st world countries for slower internet speeds. Allowing ISPs to further manipulate traffic speeds would give an even larger competitive advantage to foreign companies.