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Keep the internet a neutral ground for everyone. Please.

The concept of network neutrality predates the current Internet-focused debate, existing since the age of the telegraph. In 1860 a U.S. federal law (Pacific Telegraph Act of 1860) was passed to subsidize a telegraph line, stating that:

"messages received from any individual, company, or corporation, or from any telegraph lines connecting with this line at either of its termini, shall be impartially transmitted in the order of their reception, excepting that the dispatches of the government shall have priority ..."

?An act to facilitate communication between the Atlantic and Pacific states by electric telegraph, June 16, 1860.