

Of the million or so comments the Federal Communications Commission received on its rulemaking, did any make an evidence-based case that the Internet is not free, open, and functioning well? Evidence matters. And there simply is no evidence to back up the dire claims of disaster if the Internet is left unregulated. The unregulated Internet is probably the greatest success story of the century. The body of evidence is very clear ? investment and innovation aimed at winning customers is the most powerful force for good when it comes to developing the Internet. Tens of billions of private dollars pour into its networks every year, even in a bad economy. The only reason to change this is to appease a small left-wing political faction that is ideologically obsessed with government control over the economy. If the FCC has descended to the depths where it ignores evidence so it can appease an ignorant, angry left-wing political faction, then it is time to consider whether the agency should continue to exist in its present form.