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Please classify ISPs as common carriers. Although there are many reasons why this should be done, the simplest reason is that there was never any reason not to do so by default! The Internet is exactly like the postal service and phone network: a system to deliver messages from arbitrary senders to arbitrary recipients. If classifying shipping companies and telephone companies as common carriers is justified, then it is equally justified for Internet Service Providers.

Moreover, the Internet is NOT an "information service." An information service, according to my understanding as a layperson, is a service like TV where a centralized authority publishes content for consumption by subscribers. Treating the Internet as such a thing would be wrong on all counts and disastrous in every way! There is not -- and most emphatically, should not be! -- any centralized authority publishing content; anyone can publish. Content is not published for "consumption;" it is published as part of a collaborative conversation. It is NORMAL AND EXPECTED that said content will be analysed, commented on, and transformed by the people receiving it -- they are not at all passive "consumers." Finally, even "subscribers" is a misnomer. Although users may pay an ISP for a connection, they are not "subscribing" to the ISP's "service;" they are using the ISP to facilitate their connection to the Internet AS A PEER with all other users (regardless of whether those other users are individuals or large corporations -- there is no difference; they are all peers).