

Net Neutrality

Argument: The controversy over whether the FCC should regulate the Internet as a public utility has long-standing implications regarding the right to free expression and the regulation of Internet monopolies.



Definition of Net Neutrality

Net Neutrality was first coined by Columbia professor Tim Wu in his paper Network Neutrality, Broadband Discrimination in the year 2002. In this paper, he defined net neutrality as "an Internet that does not favor one application over others"(Wu 5). He argues that the FCC should regulate the Internet as an

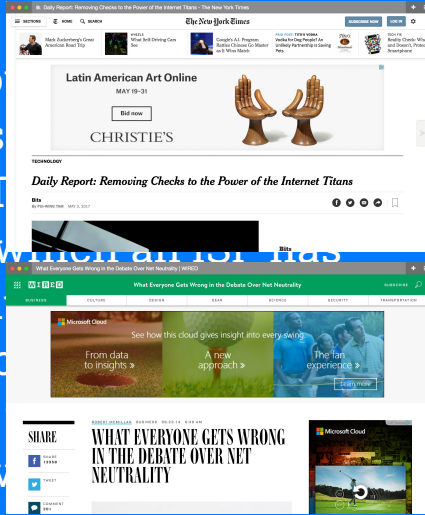
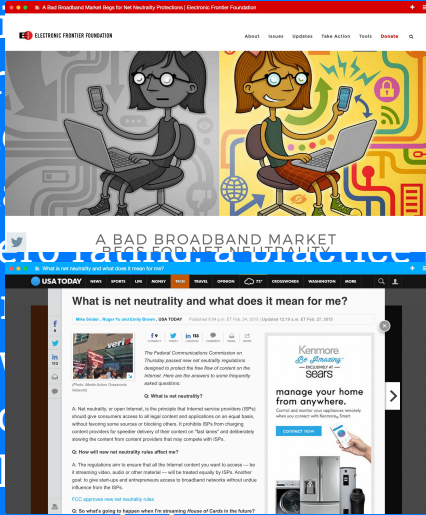
open-access utility, instead of allowing ISPs to self-regulate, which would allow ISPs to charge different amounts of money for different website loading speeds. In the early days of the Internet, the Internet was ultimately controlled by cable companies with their modems.

The net neutrality controversy has an impact on the majority of the first-world given the widespread, the argument about whether it should be a utility has become more widespread. Over 50% of people use the web to browse a set 30 sites. If companies are allowed to charge different prices for speeds to different websites it ultimately enfranchises those in



power over say a Stuyvesant startup. For example, an ISP can have different packages of which the faster speed is more easily paid by an enormous enterprise such as Google, leaving the small business competitor behind. Research has shown that speed delays of over 250ms has led to over 50% of participants ultimately not

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Historical Context

According to Tim Wu's book, The Master Switch– The Rise and Fall of Information Empires, there is context for this debate about net neutrality. Wu points out that there is a certain cycle with technology: it is first invented–

1. hobbyists tinker with it
2. it starts to catch on and become more mainstream
3. corporations begin offering it, creating advances and competition
4. Some corporations begin

This is still ongoing

After last year's election, the U.S. had a change in presidential administration. President Obama appointed a new FCC commissioner, Ajit Pai, a former Verizon lawyer. After last year, where former FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler advocated stronger net neutrality laws, Pai proposes deregulation for the advance of industry. This is that of ABC, CBS, NBC, and FOX ultimately in a 75 page resolution, titled Restoring Internet Freedom. As this is current, the FCC is allowing how radio has also developed along similar lines with Sirius/XM and iHeartMedia. This issue. To do so, follow the following steps. (formerly known as clear channel).

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