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In the western world dominated by capitalism, companies seem to put their own interest beyond all else. From monopolizing the market and killing the competition to selling users' personal information, the hungry sharks of the industry seem to care little about the consumer's rights and experience. The top enterprises can abuse their power to gain profit to the utmost while the independent businesses scrape off the crumbs on the table to live by the day. Capitalism is a great way for one to achieve the American Dream, it comes at the cost of consumer exploitation and economic inequality. Although socialism fails miserably when put in practice, it puts emphasis on the better good of both the individuals and the society. If only there is a way to incorporate these two political and economic philosophies to balance profit and morality.

While the Trans-Canada Computer Communications was a failed attempt of making Canadian network system to be independent of the US and US-based interests, it was certainly a valuable step in the right direction. It is never a good idea to grant too much authority and power to an individual as they will be unable to represent the population and therefore incapable of benefitting the greater good