Net Neutrality

**Arguments for Net Neutrality:**

* The way the internet has always worked, open networks.
* Ability to connect to any website/applications/information.
* Freedom of speech
* Provides a platform for everyone to voice opinions and to be heard
* Prevents mainstream media being the only news/opinions being seen
* Free, (No charge to use most websites)
* Ensures similar access to information/content for people of all different socio-economic backgrounds
* Charges for the amount of bandwidth/data used
* The amount of free information/content available would be greatly reduced (Google search)
* Very important for small businesses/entrepreneurs. Net neutrality is needed for these people to advertise, create markets, sell products/services and communicate with their potential customers
* All websites/companies can be connected to with high-speed internet. (Would be restricted without Net Neutrality).
* Companies who pay the most would get the highest speed connections to their sites
* "Gives the government more control over us"
* Without Net Neutrality, Internet Service Providers could censor any negative press about themselves and censor rival companies to get rid of competition.
* Monitoring of what people do on the internet will increase, this information could be sold
* The [United Nations has stated that Internet access is a human right](http://www.businessinsider.com/un-says-internet-access-is-a-human-right-2016-7?IR=T)
* Free Market
* Supported by most people and companies including Apple, Google, Netflix, etc.

**Arguments against Net Neutrality:**

* Possible end of Dark net
* Control/Reduction of illegal content/applications (Piracy, Porn, Trafficking etc.)
* Protection of children/younger people from unsuitable content
* Many businesses use large amounts of bandwidth/data without charge, these companies/individuals could be charged.
* Reduction of this bandwidth/data usage from these companies will increase the amount of use possible for everyone else.
* Increased income for service providers to improve infrastructure and quality of the service
* Quality of services/products will increase as they will have to pay a fee to seen on the internet, this will increase the quality and competition. Services/products of less quality won't be able to compete.
* The amount of information/content available would be less, but it's quality would be much higher because of this
* Supported by ISP's (Internet Service Providers) and FFC (Federal Communications Commission)