Net Neutrality

What is net neutrality (Sam)

Text slide

What is net neutrality?

Cars slide

It is essentially this, (highway slide). A highway where each lane is equal, for internet traffic.

It is what forces Internet Service providers (ISPs) to provide equal traffic to all data. More generally it is the principle that all data on the internet is treated the same, no matter what the content is.

Text slide

Who has it??

Map slide.

As you can see from this map, net neutrality is active in most of America, the European union as well as a few other countries such as Japan and India. It is a hot topic in the US right now as ISPs are campaigning against the rules protecting net neutrality in order to make more profit.

TEXT Slide

Even though, to this day net neutrality is active in the States, some ISPs have still found their way to bend the rules.

First picture slide

Companies such as Comcast, Verizon and others have or are creating their own streaming service which will not

Second picture slide

count towards your data usage limit,

which makes it very interesting to use over other streaming services such as netflix.

Rory - a world without net neutrality slide

What society is without

Without Net Neutrality laws, the internet as we know it could be completely different. Potentially, it could look something like this...

END Of World slide

(Internet Packages Slide).

Not only would we have to pay for the internet service itself, but also for what types of websites we want to use. For example, you could have monthly fees for news websites, social media, shopping, gaming and even search engines themselves. The abundance of free information and content could be heavily restricted without net neutrality laws.

(Blocked Website Slide) (Go through all 3 slides before end of this paragraph)

This type of internet service could potentially create an economic divide in our society, with only well-off people being able to afford access to most of the internet. As well as this, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) could also censor what sites its customers can use. This could lead to ISPs being paid by companies to not publicize certain news, politics or events or even block any negative press about their own respective companies.

(Internet Speed Graph Slide)

Another problem Net Neutrality prevents is ISPs charging websites for faster internet speeds. An example of this was seen before Net Neutrality Laws were introduced in the U.S. The ISP Comcast gradually reduced the download speed of Netflix for its users until Netflix agreed to pay a fee to boost the speed back up. Laws brought in to protect Net Neutrality in 2015 in the U.S. prevent situations like this from happening again.

(207 words)

(Luka) -Draft 1

As samuel mentioned earlier, Net Neutrality is currently a hot topic in the US.

( ajit pai slide)

This is Ajit Pai, the current chairman of the the Federal Communications Commission (or FCC)

FCC Slide

, who are responsible for regulating telecommunications in the States. Ajit Pai recently spoke publicly

Net neutrallity slide

about his plans to remove nearly all Net Neutrality

Cross slide

regulations currently in place, effectively abolishing Net Neutrality entirely in the US! This announcement has been met with uproar,

Tweets slide

concerned american citizens have been calling FCC representatives in droves, expressing their distaste and disagreement with the FCC’s choice. Hopefully, this backlash will apply enough pressure to negate Pai’s efforts, but there's a good chance it won’t. And as my fellow student Rory has already aptly pointed out, it will have a huge impact on the relationship between society and the internet,

a negative one. Following on logically the next question would be:

Bridge slide

will these changes in America affect us here in europe? The answer in short is that we don’t know, but it’s definitely possible.

Thumbs up slide

The internet is unique and revolutionary as it is a source of information that no individual can control. This equal footing has had a phenomenal effect on our society and net neutrality is absolutely necessary to protect it.

Sources & end

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* Harry : researched opposing arguments
* Rory : research without