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Net Neutrality in the U.S.

Net Neutrality is a big scandal between companies and the FCC. Net Neutrality is basically the principle that Internet Service Providers should give customers the ability to obtain all legal content. Netflix, for example, has to pay Comcast more money so it can be faster than HuluPlus, but HuluPlus wants to be faster than. So that means that HuluPlus will have to pay more money for their services to be faster. What the government is trying to do is to take that away, and let the internet be equal to everyone, at an equal cost. That is the FCC's goal.

In my opinion, Net Neutrality Laws shouldn't be passed. I believe that the government has already going into our lives already, and now restricting our internet access is just crossing the line. The U.S. Government has already shown that it is incapable at managing much of anything.

If the companies are forced to fight in a truly free market, Verizon and Comcast will not exist a decade from now. They will be replaced by companies that give better business at a lower price. The companies will have more bandwidth. Bandwidth is the range of frequencies within a given band, in particular that used for transmitting a signal. More bandwidth means faster internet access, but internet speed is a product. There's only so much of it able to go around. The amount of bandwidth has increased over the past two decades. At one point, today's smart phones are going to load web pages faster than yesterday's computers.

Now, enough with all that technical talk and let's start talking in English. A big issue is

that companies are paying ISPs more money to get faster internet connection, while letting other companies be slow.

Net Neutrality would provide poor user experience. The spoiled teenagers out there would probably cry if the Net Neutrality laws went into place. They would all go crying to their mom's and dad's that the internet is too slow and that they want it faster. For example, a truck driver, or the ISP has to get a shipment for people. So, he has to get a shipment from youtube. If the youtube shipment takes about 30% of the truck (or the ISP), and Netflix takes about 60% of the truck, should Netflix be charged more money because it is weighing down the ISP and costing them more money? That's a very good analogy to explain the situation. That is basically what Net Neutrality is. Thank you for reading this. ☺

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