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Imagine if you're in a long line at the checkout at a grocery store.; let's say it's the only line. Now let's say that every few moments, someone else is able to cut in line, just because they paid the store a little extra. Is that fair to you? No, not really. Now imagine that happening on the Internet. Is that fair to you? No, not really. There are people that can't afford to pay the store extra, just to save a little time.

Edit:

In another example I've just thought of, think of the Internet as roadways. Sure, there are private roadways that have tolls to use. Alternately, there are public roadways which everyone can use, freely. They're paid with and maintained by taxes, vehicle registration costs, insurance, and the like. There's still congestion at major highways and intersections during peak hours, but everyone has to sit through the congestion equally, with the only exception being emergency vehicles. Would it be fair to you, if someone else were to use emergency vehicles as a means of bypassing all of the congestion?

The Internet's backbones (highways, etc...) are free to use. But to pay for them, your service provider already pays a fee to the telecom in order to maintain the lanes. You already pay a fee to your telecom in order to use their lanes. In many cases, your service provider and telecom are one, and so your telecom is making even more. Sure, there are some private networks... but most private networks are exactly that: private.

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