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Subject: Re: OT: Net Neutrality

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Kanezor wrote on Tue, 25 July 2006 14:03xptek wrote on Tue, 25 July 2006 18:51The telephone companies have every right to manipulate/throttle/tier traffic on their private networks. Let free market sort it out instead of relying on more pointless government regulation to solve it.

"Creating legislation for a problem that has yet to affect the market is getting the cart before the horse. I believe it's appropriate for the FCC to stay engaged in any potential conflicts between content providers and network operators. But there's very little reason for onerous government regulation -- particularly with regard to the Internet." -- Sen. Craig Thomas.

The point that you fail to realize is that more than 90% of the Internet's lines are public assets, exactly like the telephone lines are public assets. Most of the lines were paid for by public subsidies.

What right do the companies have to privatize public works?

I recommend you read this document.

They're not attempting to charge for access to public lines. What do you think connects to those public lines? Bingo. Private networks.

I'd suggest further looking at the concept of 'carriers,' and how telephone companies plan on implementing non-neutral features. It's going to affect large companies such as Google and have very little impact on most consumers.

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