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Subject: Re: OT: Net Neutrality

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Quote:Can you guarantee that it will have "very little" impact on most consumers? I doubt it.

No, I can't.

Quote:

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I don't know about you, but I most certainly cry foul in each and every one of those. When you pay for a service, you expect it to work. What right do the companies have to block sites, just because it has a conflict of interest? What right do the companies have to block emails, for the same reason?

Do business with an honest company? God forbid consumers have a bit of responsibility.

Quote:What happened to free speech (which I'll point out is protected by the First Amendment!)?

I would suggest reading the First Amendment at some point.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

ISPs are not congress.

Quote:Not yet. But if the telecoms could charge other companies for access, what's to stop the telecoms from charging upstarts for access? The upstarts would need access in order to be able to give access.

What stops them from doing that right now? Telecommunications is no longer a monopoly. Once telecoms have installed fiber to their final users, they will compete on an equal footing with the cable and satellite companies to provide video, data and telephone services. Most consumers will have access to at least these three alternatives. As in most competitive markets, we can expect vigorous price, product and service competition.

Edit: Regarding 'But if the telecoms could charge other companies for access?'

They already do. Bandwidth costs money.

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