### Let's Talk About Net Neutrality



### What is net neutrality?

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- -Net neutrality was implemented to limit ISP's power.
- -It was implemented in the U.S. on 2015, but repealed in 2017.
- -ISPs cannot play favorites or discriminate the access of information on the Internet.

#### BENEFITS OF FREE MARKETS .... GREATER INNOVATION GREATER ECONOMIC GREATER ECONOMIC FREEDOMS DUE TO COMPETITION GROWTH Economies of scale and Spurs companies to Incentivizes stakeholders develop better products free trade has boosted such as entrepreneurs, at lower costs, offer investors and financiers to production and increased consumers more choices employment take an active part in business and help the Eg, U.S. exports support over economy grow. 12 million jobs in America.

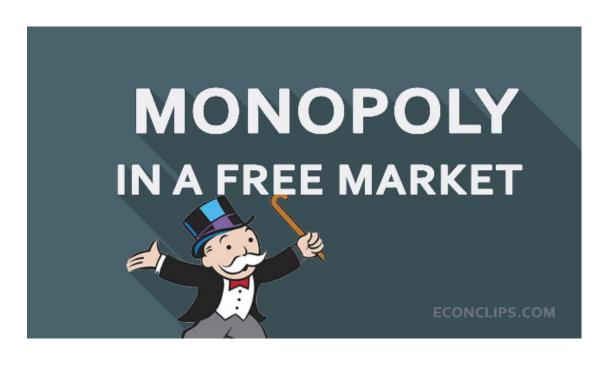
What do the ISPs say?

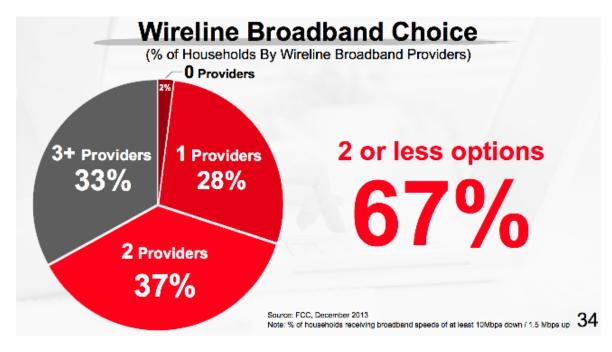
- -ISPs will claim that net neutrality was not needed because of the free market.
- -The problem is that they are lying. ISPs have a monopoly, which means there is no competition.

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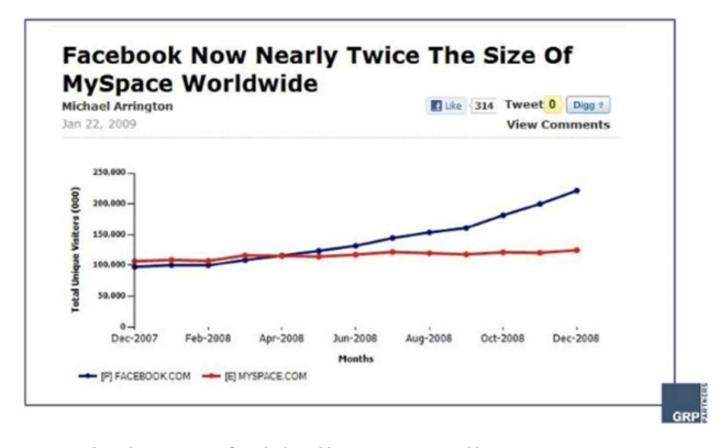
#### No competition = worse service





- -Competition leads to reduction in cost and increase in quality.
- -If there is a better alternative, consumers will choose it.
- -In a monopoly, the ISPs can do what they want and we will be forced to use it anyway.
- -ISPs have the power to control what we see.

#### Within a SINGLE YEAR the game was over



Facebook vs. Myspace

- -Level playing field allows small start-up sites to compete with large corporations.
- -Without net neutrality, small start-up sites will not be able to afford the high speed internet access needed to compete with large corporations.
- -More monopolies can be created if smaller businesses cannot compete.

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### Deliberately slowing you down



- -Normally, Internet disconnections are something that is out of our control.
- -But the slowing down of access can be done deliberately without net neutrality.

### Who is Ajit Pai?



Ajit Pai, the current Chairman of the FCC.



Obama's attack on the internet is another top down power grab. Net neutrality is the Fairness Doctrine. Will target conservative media.

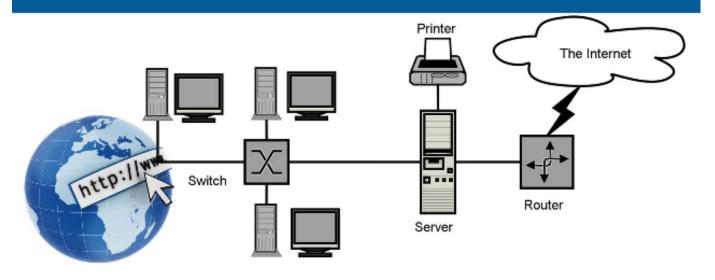
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- -Background of being a former lawyer for Verizon, a company that got hurt by net neutrality.
- -Placed into officer by Trump, who appears to not really understand what net neutrality is.
- -His alternative is to make ISPs voluntarily agree to not discriminate.

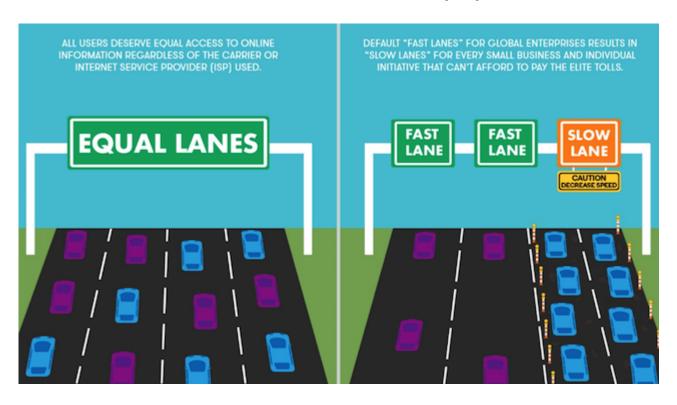
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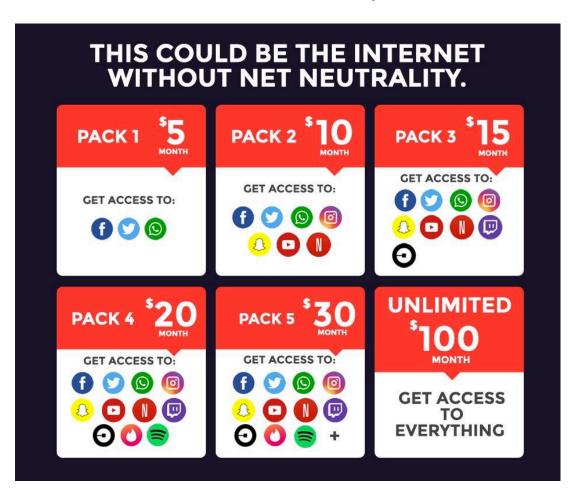


- -The Internet is an open space where anyone can join in and share with others.
- -Admittedly, it is not always a good place, but is a free space where all sorts of different viewpoints can be explored.
- -Net neutrality has become an important part of protecting the free and open communication on the Internet.
- -The repeal is problematic because of the people that can be affected.

### What could happen without net neutrality



- -Pay extra to get in the fast lane.
- -Pay extra just to access sites.
- -Not guaranteed to happen, but is a possibility.





How net neutrality affects activists

- -Internet allows activists to reach out and empower them to achieve their goal.
- -Repeal of NN can cause problems with free speech and consumer protection.
- -Marginalized groups and organizations will be the most affected.

### Is Net Neutrality perfect?



- -Net neutrality is not perfect
- -Arguments of how censorship occurs even with net neutrality
- -But the protection it provides is vital
- -Some regulations are required, as treating people equally is not the most economically beneficial tactic