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**The End Of The Internet As We Know It**

In my opinion, I think the Net Neutrality law should be rewritten to stop the internet providers from “playing god.” What gives them the right to limit our access to certain sites and to slow our speeds down whenever they feel like it?

Without an open internet, people may lose access to Facebook, YouTube, etc. And may only receive very limited content. The internet is already pretty expensive for access to the free and open web, I don’t think people should have to shell out more money to access certain sites.

I believe there should be an open internet because it allows people to read different opinions from different websites, bloggers, YouTubers, and news perspectives. With a limit on the internet, and providers choosing what people get to see, many companies will be negatively impacted. Large companies like YouTube, Facebook, and Amazon, as well as smaller businesses on the web. These businesses would suffer because they are not getting the traffic or shoppers that they need to stay in business.

I don’t think Chapter 976 will be effective because people will be truly annoyed if they are not able to access certain sites for free. They will start finding ways around the block, like a VPN. If access to the internet becomes too expensive, people may just give up the internet, service providers should consider this possibility when advocating for the passage of Chapter 976.

According to *The Guardian*, the internet around the world is different for everyone. In India, they get a lot of fake news that is against their laws and the consequences are deadly. China blocks Google, Facebook, Twitter, and even *The Guardian*. Cuba uses a weekly service that only costs two dollars per week. They call it a packet service and the user gets to pick what they want to watch during the week; they return the packet at the end of the week. There is nothing blocked in Russia but, Russia promotes its own local companies like Yandex and Mail.Ru (*The Guardian*, 2019).

According to Steve Lohr, a reporter at the New York Post, without Net Neutrality the service providers can charge users, businesses and even the media higher prices for accessing the internet. He even said that it could hurt start-up companies and other types of businesses. It will also be expensive for individuals and families (Lohr, 2017).

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