



National Cable & Telecommunications Association

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Network Neutrality

Don't Let Government Regulate the Internet and Put America's Leading Role in Technology at Risk

- **NCTA's member companies have committed that they have not, and will not, block the ability of their high-speed Internet service customers to access any lawful content, application, or services available over the public Internet.**
- **Government should not regulate the Internet in the absence of a market failure.**
- **Congress's policy of leaving the Internet unregulated has been a success and encouraged billions of dollars in investment.**
- **Any change to this policy could have serious repercussions to continued network innovation and investment.**
 - Government cannot and should not make judgments about the best business models for an industry. This is especially true for a business as dynamic as the provision of high speed Internet services.
 - Any attempt to do so runs the unintended, but high, risk of promoting an approach that fails in the market. The hands-off policy has given us the flexibility to innovate and respond to consumer demand.
- **Network neutrality regulations would lead to endless and expensive litigation and would also lead to the creation of a new bureaucracy.**
- **We should not let special interests lock in their marketplace dominance, and freeze consumers out of the future.**
 - Companies like Google and Yahoo! that are asking Congress to impose network neutrality rules are some of the most successful companies in the world. They flourished in large part because cable and other companies invested billions in building a broadband infrastructure that supports their business model.
- **The bottom line: We should not put America's leading role in technology at risk.**

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