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Comments: A

Increasing the bar to be legally called "high speed internet" to 50Mbps and removing data caps entirely will increase the effectiveness of access to people who currently have access.

For expanding networks, I believe a Crown Corp to be the only viable solution for running internet connectivity to often very remote locations. Major "carriers" can sublet bandwidth on the trunk lines heading out to remote areas in the same way TekSavvy sublets from Bell/Rogers.

B

In the modern landscape it's only getting harder to get access to the media one wants to watch. I would suggest CBC run a YouTube channel locked to Canadian IPs that provides rapid access to Canadian Content (CanCon). The content rights laws need to be amended such that exclusive streaming rights for non-live events are forbidden. This will encourage streaming companies to be judged not by the depth of their libraries but by the quality of their service. It also means it should remain relatively inexpensive for streaming companies based elsewhere to license high quality Canadian content.

C

The GDPR (<https://www.gdpreu.org/the-regulation/list-of-data-rights>) in the EU is a wonderful starting point for Canadian digital rights law.

Social platforms (ie. Facebook, YouTube, Twitter) must be liable for major breaches and political interference. They shouldn't be allowed to get away with a "sorry" if they are negatively impacting people or our democracy.

Encryption should be enforced as a requirement on all Canadian digital hardware like phones or computers. Additionally, Five Eyes members should be specifically disallowed from attempting to break the encryption on Canadian hardware/software without a valid Canadian warrant. On the flip side, a Canadian court should be able to compel a person to unlock their digital devices. This isn't for hiding something nefarious from legitimate searches, but to protect the normal from those that would do harm.

D

The CRTC needs a mechanism to drive down the cost of wireless and internet in Canada. Our prices are some of the highest in the world. Ostensibly this is because it costs so much to hook up new areas, but as far as can be told by the average consumer we aren't seeing the broader benefit. Instead we see Bell and Rogers (as well as their subsidiaries) maintaining high prices for no apparent benefit. If it is well known either by a breakdown in monthly bills that x % is used for expanding the network to smaller or more far-flung cities, as well as the concept that the CRTC is auditing them to ensure the money is spent as advertised that would be good. Otherwise the CRTC should be pressuring the companies to lower overall prices. These two companies seem to have us over a barrel. A great reference point for a top-flight service is the Google Fi project in the States. Their plans start at \$20 USD monthly for 2GB of bandwidth and charge you \$10 USD for every 1GB above that 2 GB. For reference, a 2GB phone plan in Canada costs \$70+ monthly.

Thank you for reading.;