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Net Neutrality

Under no circumstances can we afford to let our Internet Service Providers (ISPs) pick and choose what we can and cannot see and do online. Canada has a long history of Net Neutrality. But right now, our only protections for Net Neutrality come from a handful of historical CRTC decisions about Net Neutrality – not the rules themselves. The current framework leaves the door open for Net Neutrality violations that are perfectly legal.

Net Neutrality must be enforced with clear common carriage rules, which dictate all content to be treated equally. The rules must be applied without exception, and before any abuses by Big Telecom take place. This also means the government should reject website blocking proposals like Bell-led “FairPlay Canada,” which would violate Net Neutrality principles and create a dangerous precedent for other censorship plans.

More Choice of Providers

Big Telecom’s current stronghold on our telecom market has resulted in some of the highest prices in the world, and limited choice in providers, plans, and quality of service. We need choice in our telecom markets to allow people to pick the providers that work best for them. More choice equals more flexibility, more affordability, and the freedom to ensure we’re getting the services we need from the provider we choose.

If we don’t increase competition in the marketplace, we’re going to need structural separation to break up the vertically integrated conglomerates, to ensure greater choice and competition, and clear delineation of interests between the different segments of the companies.;