

## NET NEUTRALITY

The FCC voted to repeal Net Neutrality (Title II of the Telecommunications Act) on Thursday, December 14. Despite this vote, it is difficult to anticipate when changes might occur and what the impact will be on the internet. Lawsuits have been initiated to protect net neutrality and it is believed that the courts and maybe even Congress will weigh in on this topic. Heated debate is taking place on both sides.

You are going to read about net neutrality and answer the 2 questions below. If you want to participate in the online discussion debating the issue, you can do this through the "Think the Vote" website provided. If you choose to participate, remember that your comments should be supported with reasonable arguments, utilize language that is appropriate and encourages a civil discussion.

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1. **What is net neutrality?** (video/article)  
*Trump's FCC votes to repeal net neutrality*  
<http://money.cnn.com/2017/12/14/technology/fcc-net-neutrality-vote/index.html>
  2. **What are the pros and cons? Provide 3 of the strongest arguments for each side and explain why. Are there any arguments that you disagree with or think are weak? Explain.**  
*13 Pros and Cons of Net Neutrality*  
<https://vittana.org/13-pros-and-cons-of-net-neutrality>
  3. **Where do you stand on net neutrality? Explain**  
*Think the Vote* <http://www.thinkthevote.com/bridge-the-divide/net-neutrality-enforced-u-s-government/>  
*Read the brief introduction about what net neutrality is. View some of the debate that has already taken place by reading the discussion threads. If you want to participate in the online discussion, follow the rules of conduct that adhere to your school and the Bill of Rights Institute.*

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## RESOURCES

More content related to net neutrality is below. Feel free to read more about it.

1. **Read the Republican FCC members' statements for repealing net neutrality**  
<http://www.thinkthevote.com/bridge-the-divide/net-neutrality-enforced-u-s-government/>  
*FCC Chairman Ajit Pai and commissioner Brendan Carr gave statements in favor of repealing net neutrality before the vote.*
2. **The Case for Net Neutrality: What's Wrong with Obama's Internet Policy by Marvin Ammori**  
<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/united-states/2014-06-16/case-net-neutrality>
3. **ISPs won't promise to treat all traffic equally after net neutrality by Jacob Kastrenakes**  
<https://www.theverge.com/2017/12/15/16768088/internet-providers-plans-without-net-neutrality-comcast-att-verizon>