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Net Neutrality

Want videos, want news, want memes?

Want to look up what something means?

Let me intro you to the internet,

Page after page linked like a web.

Every video, every piece of text,

It's just bits of data, don't forget.

Stored in servers, so legit,

How do you get the data that you're supposed to get?

First, pay a company,

Internet service provider, ISP.

They provide the infrastructure you'll use,

That's cables, towers and underground tubes.

And the more people going online,

The more traffic going through the pipelines.

And the bigger the size of the files,

That's more data going all those miles.

Net neutrality is the idea that states

All traffic on the web should be treated the same,

With no special fast lanes for those that pay more,

And no slow lanes for those who can't afford it.

The internet is like a big highway.

Should different data move in different lanes?

Or should all traffic be treated the same?

Net neutrality, what do you say?

America, the land of the free,

But do you want freedom or equality?
Some people think ISPs
Should do what they please and be free
To charge different fees
To websites or to you and me.
Big ISPs say yes, please!
They could offer different plans for different needs
With different sites moving at different speeds.
ISPs say they'll use the fees
To build up the infrastructure for you and me.
While others want equality,
They call that net neutrality.
The policy that all data has to be
Treated the same,
No matter the size of the data or who's paying.
So, a byte from Youtube, a byte from Yelp
Or a byte from a site that you made yourself
Would all be treated exactly the same,
All together, no express lanes.
Otherwise, smaller companies
Might not be able to pay the fees,
Creating monopoly,
Where the ISPs boost the speeds
Of the contents they own,
Then make other content slow.
The ISPs say no, we won't,
We'll create plans that'll float your boat.
You can pay for sites that you use the most,
Plus new, better cables from coast to coast.
Net neutrality does better in the polls.
What do you think? What's your vote?

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