

## Lesson 2 Response

Net neutrality is a principle that defines that all Internet Service Providers (ISPs) must treat every data in the same manner. This principle basically gives the government access to control the way in which we use the internet. The placement of such principle forbids any ISPs from implementing price tiers to consumers, regardless of their internet usage. The principle of net neutrality can be deemed as a principle that has both pros and cons. The reason why is because there are both benefits and disadvantages that it provides for both ISPs and consumers.

The cons that come with the implementation of net neutrality, heavily impacts the ISPs. Due to the regulations outlined within the net neutrality, when a consumer uses a lot of bandwidths it drains a great deal of resources. ISPs in this case, must find ways to ensure that these consumers are able to gain more access to these resources; this is where the disadvantages come in. ISPs are blocked from providing these consumers with fast lanes, which will inevitably mean a greater cost for the excess usage of resource. In this conflict, the con comes from the idea that ISPs must provide more resources to individuals that use a lot of bandwidths, without the user having to pay for it.

A con of net neutrality that heavily impacts consumers and ISPs are the inability for ISPs to make proper improvements of their infrastructure. On the side of ISPs, they are not making money for the data that is being consumed; instead, they are making money from the service that they are providing. Therefore, these providers may not have the allocated funds that its tales to improve their infrastructure. At this point, it poses an issue for their consumers because many users may find that they are having slower wireless connection than normal. Thinking about the different types of users who rely on ISPs, this can inherently impact everyday individuals, local businesses, and/or larger corporations.

Despite the cons that comes with net neutrality, the pros are of great advantages to consumers. The idea of net neutrality gives way to the idea of equality amongst all users. Since net neutrality prohibits ISPs from charging for those who use more, no one who uses the internet will be treated better than another. Basically, this means that everyone has a right to the same bandwidth speed, despite how much or how little one may use the resources that are provided to them.

Another pro that comes from the implementation of net neutrality is freedom of expression. Many people believe that with net neutrality intact, ISPS do not have the authority to take down content that they may not agree with. Therefore, this provides a sense of free space for users to interact, post or relay certain content.

Overall the idea of net neutrality, has it's benefits and disadvantages that can impact either ISPs, consumers, or both. The implementation of net neutrality will always pose a sense of conflict, as many may see that this principle favors one party over another.