Net Neutrality Timeline

Internet thrives for more than 20 years before Title II without persistent competitive or consumer protection problems

- **Dec. 2000**
  - FTC approves AOL/Time Warner merger on the condition that the combined company commit to treating competing Internet providers operating on its network fairly.

- **June 2003**
  - Tim Wu coins the term “net neutrality” in his landmark paper *Network Neutrality, Broadband Discrimination*.

- **June 2007**
  - FTC publishes *Broadband Connectivity and Competition Policy Report*.

- **Feb. 2015**
  - FCC adopts its Open Internet Order, reclassifying broadband providers as “common carriers” under Title II of the Communications Act, removing the FTC’s jurisdiction.

- **Dec. 2017**
  - FCC adopts its Restoring Internet Freedom Order, reversing the Open Internet Order’s classification of broadband providers as “common carriers” and restoring FTC jurisdiction.

- **Jan. 2015**
  - TracFone, the nation’s largest prepaid mobile provider, pays $40 million to settle FTC allegations that the company had throttled data speeds on ostensibly unlimited data plans.

Two years of Title II regulation


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