

PUBLIC COMMENT: Matthew Roszak - Feedback to FTC Sessions on Assessing Usefulness of User Disclosures

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TO: FTC.GOV, It appears that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) was supposed to secure internet-based Americans, by using clear-cut standards and sound enforcement measures for any deceptive or unprincipled strategies on the net. Likewise I understand that the Federal Trade Commission is supposed to be the primary federal consumer protection agency for our confidentiality. Could it be so that the "law of unintended consequences," has given rise to the FTC having its jurisdictional "rug pulled out from under its feet"? pertaining to the loop=hole provisions for a thin vertical market of high speed broadband suppliers, as a consequence of revisions contained in last years recent "Open Internet" policies, that were ratified in 2015?

Subsequently, it comes across that the FTC is striving to widen its mandate, by cobbling together some focused policies that specifically regard to broadband services, while releasing all others. I would certainly recommend all rule makers in this proceeding to think outside the box. Beware that you don't "jump out of the fry pan into the fire". As this might be a colossal backwards step for people, by confounding them and escalating the prospects of abusive, discriminatory or intrusive use of our data online.

It is simply not realistic to rely upon users to figure out multiple and diverse approaches to their online privacy or to analyze how their information is being used when the rules mutate for the different internet businesses they may deal with. The United States lawmakers are meant to be making things clear for consumers, not causing disarray.

Instead of an incongruous mishmash of rules, formed on a false dichotomy and a misinterpretation of the personal privacy hazards, the FCC should be encouraged to take step back and put users ahead of this particular managerial imperialism and follow the successes of the FTC's strategy that keeps individuals in the driver's seat instead of in a fog.

Respectfully submitted,
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