

PUBLIC COMMENT: Carmelo Cerrelli - Feedback to FTC Workshops on Testing Advantages of User Disclosures

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It is a given that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has been supposed to give protection to web based Americans, by having clear-cut requirements and robust enforcement processes over any unscrupulous or scheming practices on the web. Likewise I understand that the Federal Trade Commission is reckoned to be the best national consumer protection agency for our data security. Could it be so that the "law of unintended consequences," has caused the FTC having its supervisory "rug pulled from under its feet"? relative to the loophole provisions for a very thin vertical market of high speed broadband companies, as a consequence of adjustments included in last year's all-new "Open Internet" policies, that were ratified in 2015?

Then, or so it may appear the FCC is aspiring to broaden its jurisdiction, by "life hacking" some focused rulings that directly relate only to broadband service providers, while sparing all others. I would urge 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 would likely be a large step backwards for individuals, by confusing them and increasing the threat of offensive, discriminatory or intrusive use of our personal data.

It is simply not practical to count on individuals to comprehend diverse and multiple intentions as to their internet privacy or to find out how their information is going to be used when the principles vacillate for the different internet organizations they might do business with. The United States authorities are supposed to be helping make things clear for consumers, not triggering complexity.

Instead of an erratic patchwork of rules, based on false assumptions and a misreading of the online privacy hazards, the FCC would do well take a step back & put consumers in front of this managerial land grab and follow the great outcomes of the FTC's process that keeps consumers in the driver's seat instead of in a maze.

Respectfully put forward,
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