

Public Attitudes Regarding the Federal Communications Commission's Approach to Dealing with the Proposed Net Neutrality Issue

*Key findings from a telephone survey
among a nationwide cross section of 800 adults.*
Conducted February 13-15, 2015
by Hart Research Associates*

Methodology

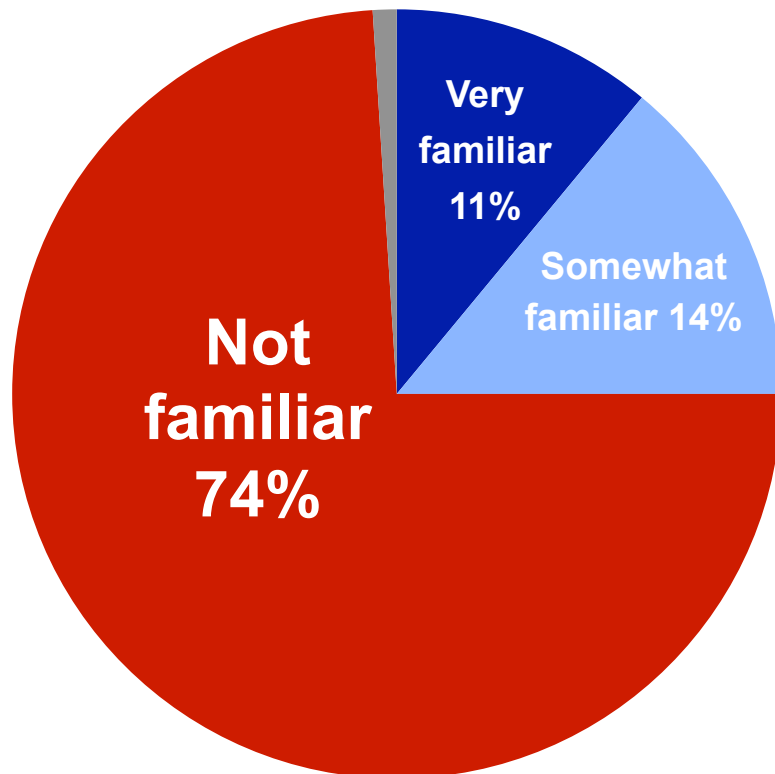
- From February 13 to 15, 2015, Hart Research Associates conducted a nationwide survey on behalf of the Progressive Policy Institute (PPI). The survey was conducted by telephone (both landline and cell phone) among a cross section of 800 adults age 18 and over.
- The data's margin of error is ± 3.46 percentage points for 800 adults at the 95% confidence level. Sample tolerances for subgroups are larger.

One in four Americans is familiar with Net Neutrality.

Are you familiar with the term Net Neutrality and do you know what it refers to?

All adults nationwide

Very/somewhat familiar



All adults	25%
Men	37%
Women	14%
Income under \$50K	13%
Income \$50K to \$75K	30%
Income over \$75K	37%
High school grad/less	11%
Some college	24%
College grads	37%
Democrats	25%
Independents	25%
Republicans	27%

The large majority of Americans wants greater disclosure of the details of the FCC's Net Neutrality proposal.

Information prior to question: One principal concern raised by some people is that ONLY the five members of an unelected Federal Communications Commission, or FCC, will decide the future of the Internet without providing an opportunity for the public to see and understand the regulations prior to a vote. Opponents of the Internet regulation plan to seek public disclosure of the exact rules and specific regulations prior to the FCC's official vote. These groups say that, given the importance of the Internet in the daily lives of Americans, the FCC should provide greater information about the proposal to regulate the Internet to better understand its costs and benefits.

Do you think greater disclosure is needed or that the FCC should decide?

All adults nationwide

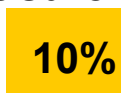
Greater disclosure of information by the FCC is necessary



The proposal has been discussed/debated by all major parties and should be decided by the FCC



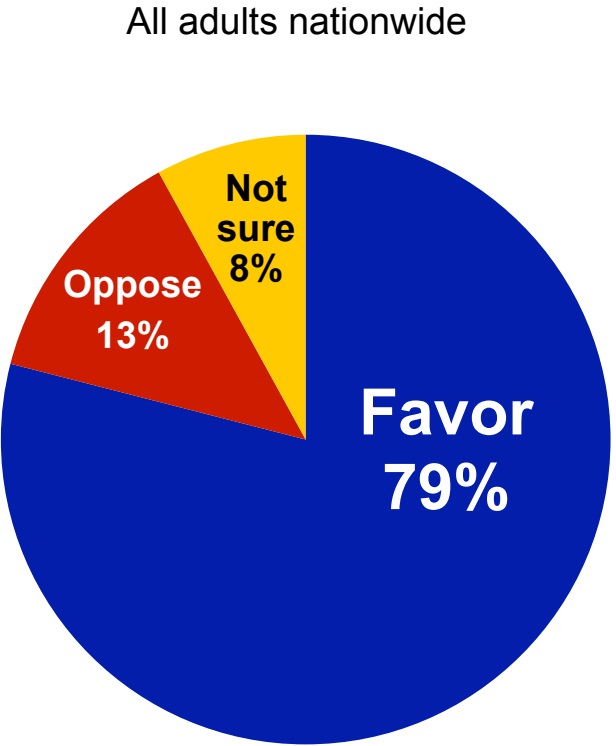
Not sure



	Greater disclosure	FCC decide
Men	73%	18%
Women	73%	17%
Income under \$50K	68%	21%
Income \$50K to \$75K	74%	16%
Income over \$75K	79%	14%
High school grad/less	69%	21%
Some college	75%	15%
College grads	76%	17%
Democrats	72%	16%
Independents	73%	19%
Republicans	78%	15%

Nearly eight in ten Americans favor public disclosure of the exact wording and details of the FCC's Net Neutrality proposal before the FCC votes on it.

Would you favor or oppose that the exact wording and the details of the proposal to regulate the Internet be made public before the Federal Communications Commission is allowed to cast its final vote on the issue of Net Neutrality?



	Favor	Oppose
Men	81%	12%
Women	76%	14%
Income under \$50K	76%	16%
Income \$50K to \$75K	77%	9%
Income over \$75K	83%	10%
High school grad/less	76%	14%
Some college	77%	16%
College grads	84%	8%
Democrats	79%	13%
Independents	77%	17%
Republicans	82%	8%

Only one in three Americans thinks that regulating the Internet like telephone service will be helpful.

Information prior to question: Over the past 22 years, the Internet has developed and grown into what we have today, with little government oversight, and has resulted in major private investment by the nation's wired and wireless providers in modern, high-speed broadband networks. President Obama is now proposing that the federal government regulate and oversee the Internet similar to how it oversees the electric or gas public utility industry. Specifically, President Obama proposes allowing the FCC, for the first time, to regulate the Internet with the same authority it has used in the past to regulate monopoly telephone service.

What is your view of FCC regulation of the Internet?

