Net neutrality vulnerable from multiple approaches

Four possible ways network neutrality could be dismantled in 2017



A bill from Congress

• With a Republican majority in both chambers, Congress has a **greater chance of passing anti-net-neutrality bills or riders**, such as the Internet Freedom Act or the No Rate Regulation of Broadband Internet Access Act



An executive order

• Trump could also issue an executive order to reverse net neutrality, which he has referred to as a "top-down power grab"



A SCOTUS ruling

• Following a ruling in favor of net neutrality in *US Telecom Association v. FCC*, carriers requested an en banc review of the case. If this request is denied, they will have an additional 90 days to file petitions of certiorari to the Supreme Court. SCOTUS could reverse the lower court decision with a Republican majority



FCC regulatory action

• Chairman Wheeler's announcement that he will leave his post on January 20, 2017, the FCC will have a Republican chairman and majority. The FCC could refuse to enforce net neutrality practices and ultimately reverse the Open Internet Order

Net neutrality could be targeted through one or a combination of these avenues

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