

# Conservatives band against Net neutrality

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A group of non-profits launched the Internet Freedom Coalition to oppose efforts to regulate the Internet.

A total of 24 self-described conservative "free-market, limited government, and faith-based grassroots organization, individuals, and policy organizations who have come together on the shared belief that the Internet should not be taxed, regulated, or subject to United Nations control."

"The big government, pro-regulation crowd wants the government to regulate the Internet. Speaking on behalf of our collective membership of over 3 million citizens, we oppose network neutrality and any other form of regulation or taxation of the Internet. Make no mistake: network neutrality is the first giant leap toward government regulation of the Internet," said Jason Wright, president of the Institute for Liberty and co-director of the IFC.

"IFC will primarily use the Internet itself to mobilize opposition to net neutrality regulation," said Michelle Korsmo, executive director of Americans for Prosperity and co-director of the IFC. "We will utilize a massive email campaign, Internet banner ads and calls to action, and web marketing to mobilize opposition to regulation and taxation of the Internet."

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