

What would the Internet look like without Section 230?

Section 230 allows platforms and organizations of all sizes to provide innumerable benefits to countless online users and businesses each day. It impacts our lives in ways we do not even realize.

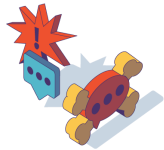
In a world without Section 230:



Online forums couldn't function without being overrun by off-topic posts and spam.



Community-run messageboards and many review sites would likely disappear or never launch if volunteer moderators or smaller companies could be sued for every post they curate.



Online spaces would be overrun with hateful or explicit content if platforms were liable for every safety choice they made.



Finding quality products and authentic information online would be harder without honest reviews if businesses could sue everytime they received a bad online review.



Small businesses and creators couldn't extend their reach to millions worldwide if marketplaces can't moderate listings and protect consumers.



Planning a vacation itinerary for a place you've never visited would be more stressful if you can't read authentic, first-hand reviews of real people who have been there.



Finding a job or company where you'd love to work would be harder if there were no authentic job reviews (both positive and negative) available.



Neighborhoods couldn't stay connected online in real-time if moderators must screen every single post before it's allowed. Or they'd have to allow everything, including spam and profanity.



Building a website would be nearly impossible if web hosting and domain registration platforms were responsible for all the content on every website they hosted.



Cloud storage wouldn't exist if companies were legally responsible for all the personal information and data individuals store. Data sharing would move back to thumb drives sent through the mail.



Protecting against cyber attacks would be harder if cybersecurity companies were legally responsible for the customer data that flows across their network.



Sharing ideas and knowledge would change drastically if platforms were responsible for each contribution and idea shared by users.



Finding freelancers would be much harder if you couldn't verify the individual's previous work via online recommendations and reviews.

Internet Works represents a diverse cross-section of companies and organizations that have benefited from Section 230's flexibility. Our goal is to ensure our diverse membership is represented in important policy conversations and help preserve the internet as a place of limitless possibility.