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John Strand opinion after 20 years in telecom...

- As a Dane I believe in the democratic process and transparency
- I respect regulators hard job to make fair regulation
- Credible regulation is based on facts, not feelings
- Regulators can make mistakes; I respect when they admit it.
- I believe in a free internet and that the internet can create transparency in this world
- I do not accept the sabotage of the democratic process to pressure politicians and regulators by abusing digital tools

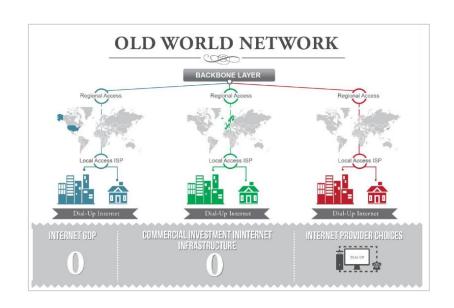
What drives investment in the telecommunications market

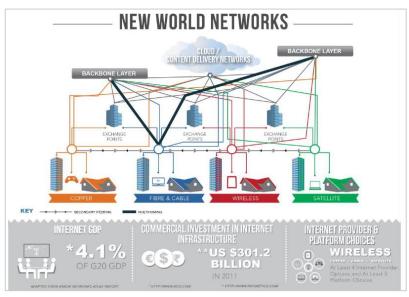
- Players enter the market either because they get a license to build and operate a mobile network
- Competition between technologies the competition cable TV providers have created in broadband have led many DSL providers to upgrade their networks.
- 3. Operators defend their historical investments
- Technological development can bring production costs down and drive competition.
- 5. Public authorities make it expensive to build infrastructure by, unwittingly or not, creating barriers to deployment.
- Telecommunications investments are cyclical in practice telecommunications investments cannot be studied on a short term basis.

What creates competition in the telecommunications market...

- Competition from over the top (OTT) providers
- 2. The evolution of network technology
- 3. Single Play vs. Full Service Providers
- 4. Changing Regulatory requirements for the telecom industry

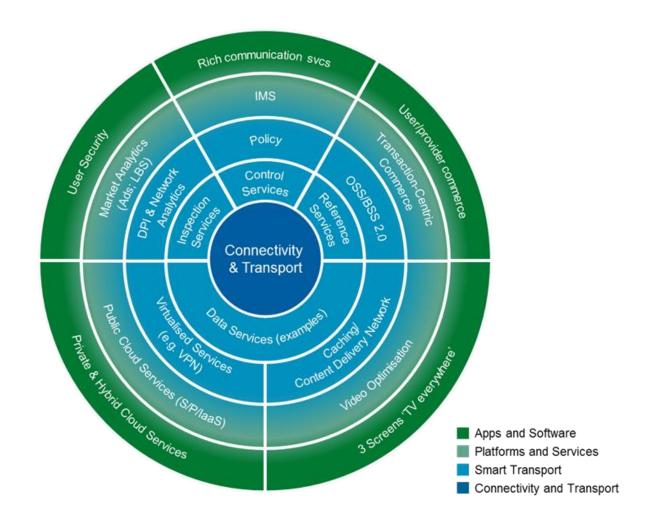
Old vs. New World Networks.....





The EU Commisions still talks about 18, 15 and now 9 markets - They don't know what convergence is...

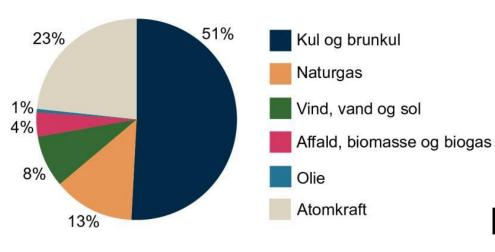
From Bit Pipe to Intelligent Pipe....



Commercial practices (zero rating)....

Zero rating is a business model we know from all industries, and according to competition experts, helps to create market dynamics and competition. There are people who believe that zero rating harms competition in the telecommunications world, however there has not been academic evidence to prove the claim. If we look at the energy sector today, it has greater freedom and flexibility in its pricing and distribution than the telecom industry has when selling telecommunications traffic....

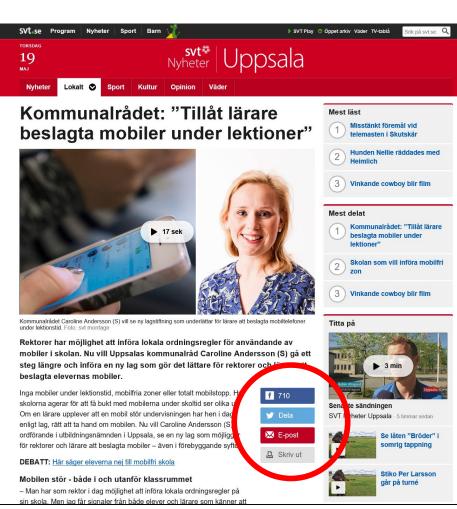
Energy vs. Telecom – who has more freedom...



The EU blessed zero rating in energy markets to address climate change. Why does BEREC oppose it in internet markets to create competition?

Imagine not allowing the media industry to evolve....

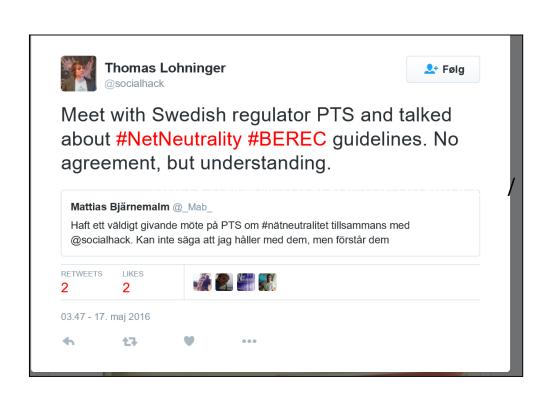




Why does Google hate zero rating...

- Google can't collect data of people using competitors' platforms
- If startups use free Facebook, they don't put ads in Google search (€10k/month)
- Content delivered by telecom operators is more private and secure than Google and can lower the cost to the end user
- Google is shopping mall that wants to outlaw strip malls

Grass roots: Google's internet activist friends.....







Google's role to fund Net Neutrality globally....

- Save the Internet
- Access
- Engine
- Stanford Center for Internet & Society
- Berkman Center (Harvard)
- Free Press, Public Knowledge
- \$50 million from Ford Foundation (key Google shareholder) to activist groups
- Obama's leading political contributor, 427 White House visits, 258 "revolving door" hires between US govt and Google http://googletransparencyproject.org

SavetheInternet.eu is made largely in USA....

AccessNow	2012-2016 USD\$	
Google	1,200,000	
Mozilla	320,000	
Ford Foundation	275,000	
Microsoft	150,000	
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Save the Internet Strategy: Clicktvism....



Conclusion from Strand Consult....

- Zero rating expands free speech
- NN rules today are unrecognizable to what Tim Wu talked about
- Net neutrality is being used to protect Google from competition in the name of doing something good for the consumer
- NN is restricting market entry of firms that can create alternative advertising to Google
- Facebook Telia is not perfect, but better than Google has one competitor than none

It's about 44 things....

Business models Business models....

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