

## Google And Verizon Are Not The Makers Of Public Internet Policy

Something stunningly outrageous happened this week, when Google and Verizon announced they had reached a "deal" for the future of the internet. Since when is it the place of special interest corporations to determine what public policy should be?

Actually it has been going on in back rooms all along, a prime recent example being a health care bill written (the one that passed) substantially by Liz Fowler, a former Wellpoint executive, who is now apparently in line to also administrate the bill she wrote (another outrage).

But never before has it been so brazen that two industry giants should publicly declare they have reached a private agreement, and to expect Congress and the President to just fall in line.

You must not. You must reject this private carving up of the public interest, and instead establish clear principles in law that industry giants must not be allowed to use their power to discriminate access to the internet of the future.