

"Cox's Internet Monopoly in Isla Vista" by Simon Poon

COX's slow and unreliable service reduced academic productivity

internet connection is essential for college students

COX profits off this because they are the only provider of internet in the IV area and they know students NEED internet

up to \$60 a month !

Very expensive for such a bad service

although they have made extensive profits within the last few years there is no update to their service or technologies used

Exploitative capitalism

not largely seen in other major countries

such as the Sweden, South Korea, Norway, Hong Kong and Japan

South Korea has the fastest internet in the world

their policies favor the customers, rather than corporations

the difference between the US and these other countries is that their governments control the internet

America lacks regulation on large commercial companies

Call to action

Boycott COX, decline their services

pressure them into charging a fair amount for a decent service

1996 Telecommunications Act

allows for monopolies to occur

and for the companies to charge outrageous amounts

Disneyland!!

Alternatives to COX

data-tethering from smartphones

connecting to WIFI at local businesses

using the internet on campus