

AT&T'S LATEST CENSORSHIP

It's a good thing I chose Comcast's oligopoly service for broadband internet service and not AT&T (my two easy choices for real broadband). That's because I tend to point out that our government is becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T. And AT&T just changed its acceptable use policy to prevent you from using AT&T's Toobz to tell others about the bad things AT&T is doing (via boing boing).

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determines in its sole discretion, to be harmful to its subscribers, operations, network(s), reputation, goodwill, or customer relations.

This telecommunications thing is really heading to a really nice place, where we can't use the Toobz to discuss how the Toobz are being used to watch over what we do and say. But I guess we should have anticipated that.