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The internet is full of bad things: malware, phishing attacks, nefarious ads. And parents are loathe to let their kids surf, thanks to rampant online piracy and pornography.

Comcast's Xfinity broadband internet service has solution for all of that. It's called 'Protected Browsing,' and it promises to block the bad stuff.

The only problem is that a lot of good stuff is getting caught in Xfinity's protective web. Like Paypal and gaming hub Steam, both of which were recently deemed threats by the Xfinity 'Protected Browsing' feature. The discovery highlights the extreme power that ISPs like Comcast wield over every site and service online, a power that may soon be exploited with net neutrality laws repealed.

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