**Final Debate**

**CS & SE 3162**

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**Topic**

Security Protocols – should a small company be able to provide a subpar security system for customer database access that meets project objectives?

**For**

a. Opinion – your opinion about the ethical decision (real or fictional)

I feel like this is an ethical decision because:

1. Other forms of communication and enterprise don’t enforce security policy
   1. Telecom
   2. Mail system
2. Allowing a subpar security system increases total number of active projects
   1. Any time we regulate a business the result is some loss of total projects because the underperformers cannot meet the regulations
3. Allowing a subpar security system allocates more time for development of core features
   1. Statistics for late software projects
4. Allowing a subpar security system saves businesses money because security systems are, for the most part, not revenue generating features
   1. They are preventative measure
   2. Shareholders and end users might not pay for them, since the direct result in unapparent

b. Trend – your opinion of the future trend of your chosen issue

c. Impact – show how your decision will affect the public (pro or con)

**Against**

a. Opinion – your opinion about the ethical decision (real or fictional)

I feel like this is not an ethical decision because:

1. High standards of security keep snooping eyes out of your home and personal space
   1. protects privacy from “Big Brother”
2. Ensuring adequate levels of security promotes equality between technical competence levels
   1. Without acceptable security measures, data is available for the most experienced developer in your neighborhood
   2. Someone who is very skilled with a computer holds a lot of power of those who do not
3. Ensuring adequate levels of security across the board, on all projects, is the responsible thing to do in terms of safety of those involved
   1. Examples of software cutting corners

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