

SY488A Group Project

You will be presenting your case to the Supreme Court on Net Neutrality/Open Internet. You must be prepared for both an affirmative (pro-net neutrality) and negative (anti-net neutrality) case. I will be the Supreme Court. Each team must provide slides with proper citations to the Supreme Court.

Scenario:

The many states are extremely unhappy about the FEB2018 FCC decision to reverse the stance on net neutrality. As such, they have filed suit and taken the FCC to the Supreme Court.

Questions to consider (at a minimum):

- Should the FCC be allowed to regulate Internet traffic speeds? If so, how? If not, why?
- How could net neutrality inhibit innovation?
- What use cases could warrant traffic prioritization/throttling?

Requirements:

- At a minimum, everyone will: speak for 1 min and contribute 1 slide with 1 reference toward the team's deck. Do not read your slide to the Supreme Court.
- Include your name on the bottom right of your slides. Each team will submit 1 collated slide deck with a final "References" slide using IEEE citation standards:
<http://www.ieee.org/documents/ieeecitationref.pdf>
- 2 pairs of teams: 5-member FCC; 5-member Telco reps
- Team FCC/affirmative may include industry experts, e.g. Level 3 Communications or Google.
- Team Telcos/negative must include Verizon and Comcast, at a minimum. It is highly recommended that any entity with a vested interest in opposing net neutrality be represented by an individual advocate.
- A team has 7 mins to present their respective case arguments, leaving 5mins of Q&A time each (26 mins total Q&A). The other team must ask questions of the presenting teams, after the Supreme Court opens the floor for discussion. No "dead" air.

Grading:

- For context, minimums provided above are for a C-grade. Plagiarism= F-grade. No reclama.
- 40%=team grade (everyone will receive the same grade on the team); 60%=individual grade
- Your individual contribution to the team's case must be well-rehearsed with smooth delivery and compelling enough to hold the audience's attention.
- Your arguments must be logical, thoroughly researched and conveyed in your own words to demonstrate that you grasp the topic, particularly when questions arise. Include examples, use cases and empirical evidence to support your position. Cite them! Anticipate the opposition's arguments and proactively mitigate to strengthen your team's case; be prepared for cross-examinations and rebuttals.