



# and Society 14014305- 2

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# Project Requirements

- Groups of 4 maximum
- Choose one of the listed topics presented in file.
- Research topic and argue for one side.
- The length of your search should be at least 2000 words and does not exceed 2500.
  - Font : Times New Roman size: 12 (you can use bigger font size for titles)
- You need to prepare a 5 minutes personation.

# Project Requirements

Report layout:

- Title page (title and names)
- Introduction (background)
- Body (detailed discussion of issue)
- Solution (proposed solution to issue)
- Conclusion (concluding remarks)
- References (list of resources used)

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Marking schema:

Report (10 Marks)

Presentation (5 marks)

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Deadline:

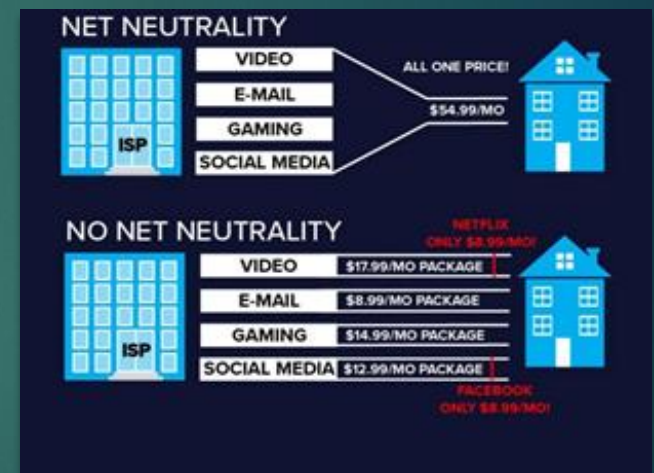
Saturday 28-5-2022 at 23:59

# Research topics

## ► Net Neutrality

► Issue: Right now when you pass information across the internet it gets sent the same as anyone else's internet. That could change. The idea of net neutrality is to make it a requirement for the telecommunication companies that own the infrastructure that makes up the internet to treat all data equally. An alternative would be for them to have different tiers of internet traffic passed at different speeds with certain kinds of information from certain users getting priority over others.

- Group 1: Argue FOR net neutrality.
- Group 2: Argue AGAINST net neutrality



# Research topics

## ► Social Media and Employment

Issue: While a county sheriff was running for re-election, several employees of the sheriff's department "liked" the sheriff's opponent's Facebook page. The employees were fired. Suppose the employees are appealing the firing. Assume the employment contract does not cover this situation. How using social media can get you fired?

- Group 1: Argue FOR the employees; that they should not be fired. Give several reasons.
- Group 2: Argue AGAINST the employees; the right of the department to make the decision



# Research topics

## ► Robotics and Employment

Issue: A paper described a category of "physical tasks that cannot be well described in rules because they require optical recognition and fine muscle control that have proven difficult to program. Examples include safely driving a truck, cleaning a building, and setting gems in engagement rings. Computerization should have little effect on the percentage of the

workforce engaged in these tasks." (Frank Levy and Richard J. Murnane, *Dancing with Robots: Human Skills for Computerized Work*)

Group 1: Argue that the conclusion is CORRECT

Group 2: Argue that the conclusion is INCORRECT.





# Research topics

## ► Digital Divide in Online Education

- Issue: A study by the University of Pennsylvania found that the (roughly 35,000) students who enroll in its massive open online courses (MOOCs) are a somewhat special group. For example, among students in the U.S., 80% already have a college degree. Among students from some countries outside the U.S., 80% were in the wealthiest 6% of the population. You are responsible for a company that provides MOOCs. How would you respond to the study? What changes, if any, would you make in your business plan, marketing, etc.? Pros and Cons of MOOCs.

- Group 1: Argue that MOOCs have failed as a way to bring education to people who have traditionally had less access to it.

- Group 2: Argue showing that MOOCs have succeeded.



# Research topics

## ► The Right to be Forgotten

- Issue: A Spanish newspaper reported, 20 years ago, about a malpractice suit filed against a surgeon in Spain. The surgeon later won the lawsuit. Currently a Google search on the surgeon's name brings up a link to the original article, which does not mention the result of the lawsuit. The surgeon asked a court in Spain to require that Google remove the link from its search results.

- Group 1: Argue FOR the surgeon; in favor of a process by which people could require that search engines remove links to some kinds of material on the Web from search results for searches on the person's name.

- Group 2: Argue AGAINST the surgeon; for Google's decision not to remove the link and against establishing a legal requirement for search engines to do so

