

Background Article Questions

Deliberation Topic: Should big tech companies be broken up?

Directions: To provide a background for the deliberation, answer the questions associated with each of the articles and websites.

<u>Antitrust Laws and You</u> - <i>The U.S. Department of Justice</i>	
What is the purpose of antitrust laws?	
What does the Sherman Antitrust Act do? What are exceptions to this antitrust action?	
Describe what actions the government can take under the Clayton Act.	
What is the purpose of the Federal Trade Commission?	

Momentum grows to break up big tech, as Amazon, Facebook, Google and Apple face scrutiny- *CNET*

How has public opinion about Big Tech companies changed recently? What events and policies have impacted this?

What companies are included in this article's discussion of big tech companies?

Describe what happened to AT&T. How does the situation with big tech compare to this?

What are the complaints against these big tech companies?

Describe what happened to Microsoft in the 1990s? How does the situation with big tech compare to this?

Using the chart below, list the arguments and information found in the articles for and against breaking up big tech companies.

Arguments for Breaking Up Big Tech

Arguments Against Breaking up Big Tech