

## DOJ urged to investigate Disney, Fox, Warner Bros collaboration.

#### **Description**

Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders, along with Representative Joaquin Castro, have raised concerns about a new sports streaming service called Venu Sports, which is a joint venture between Disney, Fox, and Warner Bros. They have sent a letter to the Department of Justice asking for an investigation into potential antitrust or telecommunications law violations.

Venu Sports will offer programming from ESPN, Fox Sports, and TNT Sports for \$42.99 per month, allowing subscribers to access various sports content without a cable subscription. The service is expected to compete with other streaming platforms like YouTube TV, which offers similar networks for a higher price.

Critics argue that Venu Sports could control a significant portion of nationally broadcast sports, potentially leading to higher prices for consumers. The Senators and Congressman are also concerned that the joint venture may violate FCC ownership limits.

Despite opposition, Venu Sports aims to attract five million subscribers by 2029, with ESPN expected to receive a significant portion of the subscription revenue. The Department of Justice and FCC are urged to closely monitor the situation and intervene if necessary to ensure fair competition in the sports streaming market.

For further details, you can read the full letter here. This development highlights the ongoing debate about consolidation and competition in the streaming industry.

# **Vocabulary List:**

- 1. **Antitrust** /,æn.ti'trʌst/ (noun): Laws designed to promote competition and prevent monopolies in the marketplace.
- 2. Consolidation /kən,spl.i'dei.jən/ (noun): The process of combining multiple entities into a single entity.
- 3. **Telecommunications** /,tɛlɪkə,mjunɪ'keɪʃənz/ (noun): The transmission of information over significant distances by electronic means.
- 4. **Investigation** /ɪnˌvɛs.tɪˈgeɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The process of examining and inquiring into a matter to uncover facts.
- 5. Revenue /'rɛvənju:/ (noun): The income generated from the sale of goods or services.
- 6. Competition /ˌkpmpə'tɪʃən/ (noun): The rivalry between businesses to attract customers and increase sales.

## **Comprehension Questions**



#### **Multiple Choice**

1. Which Senators and Representative raised concerns about Venu Sports?

Option: A. Ted Cruz Kamala Harris Nancy Pelosi

Option: B. Elizabeth Warren Bernie Sanders Joaquin Castro Option: C. Mitch McConnell Chuck Schumer Kevin McCarthy Option: D. Cory Booker Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Adam Schiff

2. How much does Venu Sports charge for its subscription per month?

Option: A. \$29.99 Option: B. \$42.99 Option: C. \$55.99 Option: D. \$39.99

3. What other streaming platform is mentioned as a competitor to Venu Sports?

Option: A. Netflix Option: B. Hulu

Option: C. YouTube TV

Option: D. Amazon Prime Video

4. What concern do critics have about Venu Sports controlling sports content?

Option: A. Higher subscription costs
Option: B. Better quality content
Option: C. More diverse programming
Option: D. Increased availability

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5. How many subscribers does Venu Sports aim to attract by 2029?

Option: A. 1 million Option: B. 3 million Option: C. 5 million Option: D. 8 million

6. Who is expected to receive a significant portion of the subscription revenue from Venu Sports?

Option: A. Fox Sports

Option: B. ESPN

Option: C. TNT Sports
Option: D. Warner Bros.



#### **Answer**

Multiple Choice: 1. B. Elizabeth Warren Bernie Sanders Joaquin Castro 2. B. \$42.99 3. C. YouTube TV 4. A. Higher subscription costs 5. C. 5 million 6. B. ESPN

## Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which movie involves the concept of entering dreams within dreams?

Option: Interstellar Option: Inception Option: The Matrix

Option: Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

2. Which term describes something that is mysterious or difficult to understand? ESL-NEWS

Option: Obvious Option: Cryptic Option: Transparent

Option: Clear

3. What type of laws are designed to promote fair competition in the market?

Option: Monopoly Option: Antitrust Option: Oligopoly Option: Trust

4. What term refers to the income generated by a company through its business activities?

Option: Expenditure

Option: Profit Option: Revenue Option: Loss

5. Which industry is primarily concerned with the transmission of information over long distances?

Option: Automotive

Option: Telecommunications

Option: Agriculture Option: Construction



6. What legal process dissolves a marriage between two individuals?

Option: Marriage Option: Union Option: Divorce	
Option: Engagement  7. What term describes the process of combining sep Option: Expansion Option: Diversification Option: Consolidation	parate entities into a single unified whole?
Option: Segregation  8. What action involves arranging tasks or goals in or Option: Delay Option: Neglect Option: Prioritize Option: Randomize	rder of importance or urgency?
9. Which emotion typically arises from the inability to Option: Joy Option: Satisfaction Option: Excitement Option: Frustration	o achieve a desired outcome or goal?
10. What feeling is expressed when one is thankful of Option: Resentment Option: Grudge Option: Indifference Option: Gratitude	r appreciative of something?
Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct wo	rd from the vocabulary list. )
11. The explorers embarked on a	journey through the treacherous mountains.
12. The novel was filled with	references to historical events.
13. The committee spent hours	the details of the financial report.
14. The advertisement was found to contain	information about the product.
15. Many people have a ab	



16. During the discussion please focus on points that are to the topic.	
17. The company is its various divisions to streamline operations.	
18. Their differences were so fundamental that they found them	
19. The merger resulted in the of two major corporations.	
20. He had to through the complex legal system to resolve the dispute.	
Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )	
21. The library offers a of books on various subjects for readers to explore.	
22. The detective conducted a thorough to uncover the truth behind the crime.	
23. Participating in sports helps to develop a spirit of healthy among individuals.	
24. The government passed legislation to prevent monopolistic practices in the market.	
25. Some artists aim to create works of art that cultural boundaries and speak to all people.	
26. Advancements in technology have revolutionized the way people communicate over long distances.	
27. Social programs aim to reduce in access to education and healthcare services.	
28. The speaker her point by providing additional examples to illustrate the concept.	
29. The teacher the importance of studying regularly to the students.	
30. The conflict between the two nations was deemed with no hope of resolution in sight.	

### **Answer**

Multiple Choice: 1. Inception 2. Cryptic 3. Antitrust 4. Revenue 5. Telecommunications 6. Divorce

7. Consolidation 8. Prioritize 9. Frustration 10. Gratitude

Gap-Fill: 11. Perilous 12. Allegorical 13. Scrutinizing 14. Misleading 15. Misconception 16. Pertinent

17. Amalgamating 18. Irreconcilable 19. Consolidation 20. Navigate

Matching sentence: 1. Plethora 2. Investigation 3. Competition 4. Antitrust 5. Transcend 6.

Telecommunications 7. Disparities 8. Clarified 9. Emphasized 10. Irreconcilable



#### **CATEGORY**

1. Entertainment - LEVEL5

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