



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

### Description

A letter penned by Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders, alongside Representative Joaquin Castro, has been forwarded to the Department of Justice, urging an investigation into the proposed collaboration of media giants Disney, Fox, and Warner Bros in launching Venu Sports, a direct-to-consumer streaming service amalgamating ESPN, Fox Sports, and TNT Sports. The Democrats stress the significance of scrutinizing Venu Sports under antitrust and telecommunications laws, regardless of its classification as a joint venture.

At an anticipated monthly rate of \$42.99, Venu Sports will provide subscribers with access to a plethora of programming and games from the three networks, in addition to ESPN+. This move is particularly pertinent as ESPN intends to offer its network as a standalone product next year, projected to cost between \$25-\$30 monthly. Presently, viewers can opt for services like YouTube TV at around \$70-\$75, encompassing major broadcast entities like NBC and CBS, both of which offer their own direct-to-consumer streaming services.

Furthermore, Fox CEO Lachlan Murdoch foresees Venu Sports attracting five million subscribers by 2029, with ESPN poised to garner the highest share of revenue. However, concerns raised by Warren, Sanders, and Castro regarding Venu Sports potentially monopolizing televised sports content have struck a chord. Fubo, a direct-to-consumer provider contesting Venu Sports in court, aims to halt the service's launch, citing disparities in offerings from ESPN, Fox Sports, and TNT to competitors.

In light of these developments, the letter advocates for a meticulous examination of the transaction by the Department of Justice and FCC, urging prompt intervention if antitrust laws or public interest parameters are contravened. The document, accessible in its entirety through the provided link, encapsulates the prevailing apprehensions surrounding the consolidation of sports media through Venu Sports.

### Vocabulary List:

1. **Antitrust** /æn.trɪ'trəst/ (adjective): Relating to legislation to protect trade and commerce from unfair business practices.
2. **Amalgamating** /ə'mæl.gə.mēt.ɪŋ/ (verb): Combining or uniting to form one organization or structure.
3. **Scrutinizing** /'skru:.tɪ.naɪ.zɪŋ/ (verb): Examining something very carefully and thoroughly.
4. **Disparities** /dɪ'spær.ɪ.tiz/ (noun): Inequalities or differences in aspects or conditions.
5. **Pertinent** /'pɜ:rt.ɪ.nənt/ (adjective): Relevant or applicable to a particular matter.
6. **Consolidation** /kən,sɒl.ɪ'deɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The process of combining multiple entities into a single more effective or coherent whole.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Which senators are urging an investigation into the collaboration of media giants for launching Venu Sports?

- Option: Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders
- Option: Joe Biden and Kamala Harris
- Option: Donald Trump and Mike Pence
- Option: Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer

2. What is the anticipated monthly rate for Venu Sports?

- Option: \$42.99
- Option: \$19.99
- Option: \$55.99
- Option: \$30.49

3. Who foresees Venu Sports attracting five million subscribers by 2029?

- Option: Lachlan Murdoch
- Option: Mark Zuckerberg
- Option: Jeff Bezos
- Option: Elon Musk

4. What is the primary concern raised by Warren Sanders and Castro regarding Venu Sports?

- Option: Monopolizing televised sports content
- Option: Pricing too high
- Option: Lack of variety in content
- Option: Poor quality streaming

5. Which direct-to-consumer provider is contesting Venu Sports in court?

- Option: Fubo
- Option: Netflix
- Option: Amazon Prime Video
- Option: Hulu

6. Which government agencies are urged to conduct a meticulous examination of the transaction?

- Option: Department of Justice and FCC

- Option: NASA and FDA
- Option: EPA and CIA
- Option: IRS and FEMA

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders 2. \$42.99 3. Lachlan Murdoch 4. Monopolizing televised sports content 5. Fubo 6. Department of Justice and FCC

## 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?

- 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 separate entities into a single unified whole?

Option: Expansion

Option: Diversification

Option: Consolidation

Option: Segregation

8. What action involves arranging tasks or goals in order of importance or urgency?

Option: Delay

Option: Neglect

Option: Prioritize

Option: Randomize

9. Which emotion typically arises from the inability to achieve a desired outcome or goal?

Option: Joy

Option: Satisfaction

Option: Excitement

Option: Frustration

10. What feeling is expressed when one is thankful or appreciative of something?

Option: Resentment

Option: Grudge

Option: Indifference

Option: Gratitude

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word 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 \_\_\_\_\_ about the true meaning of this philosophical concept.

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



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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

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