The United States Department of Information Awareness (DIA) is considering reviving the currently defunct Total Information Awareness (TIA) initiative. The goal of the new initiative, entitled TIA-II, is primarily intended to detect and prevent terrorist activities; however, other uses that would be beneficial to the U.S. government would also be included. The additional uses include identifying illegal activities such as tax evasion and insider trading, and detecting and preventing anti-social activities such as violent crime and identity theft. The new initiative will involve a large investment of taxpayer-funded research and development in the area of automated prediction analytics.

Pro Group: You are a member of a group in favor of TIA-II. You believe that automated prediction is an excellent means of protecting the national interests of U.S. citizens, and despite the cost, will ultimately promote important social objectives that both the law and public opinion hold dear.

Con Group: You are a member of a group against TIA-II. You believe that there are important reasons why the original TIA initiative failed, and that these reasons still hold legal as well as public opinion sway. In particular, the need for individuals to maintain control over their own personal information and the need to assure individual integrity are paramount and should not be compromised for the sake of TIA-II.

Jury Group: You are a high-ranking official of the U.S. Department of Information Awareness, deciding whether or not to implement TIA-II.