



Student A

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You represent the Freedom Party. Your members strongly believe that the public has a right to know what celebrities get up to in private, and want the law to safeguard the rights of newspapers in obtaining information using whatever means possible. Before you begin the discussion, plan your reasons below:

Reason 1 _____.

Reason 2 _____.

Reason 3 _____.

Student B

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You represent the Privacy Party. While you believe freedom of speech is important, you believe that it doesn't apply to journalists who report on celebrities' private lives. You want the new law to safeguard people's right to privacy in their private lives. Before you begin the discussion, plan your reasons below:

Reason 1 _____.

Reason 2 _____.

Reason 3 _____.

Student C

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You represent the Balance Party. While you think freedom of speech for journalists is important, you also believe that people (including celebrities) have the right to a private life. Before you discuss the case with the other students in your group, think of reasons for each side's arguments below:

A law which grants newspapers absolute freedom:

A law which protects the privacy of celebrities:

Reason 1 _____.

Reason 1 _____.

Reason 2 _____.

Reason 2 _____.