CSC 361 2016

Exercise 1

Watch the first hour (up to the question period) of the GWU debate on national security and cyber surveillance (available on this page: <http://bit.ly/1T9CTz7> ). Note the video stream is at the lower right of the page; scroll down. It may take a minute or two for the livestream to appear there. When it does, click “Watch Again”. You can skip ahead to about 3:30 in the stream; that’s where the introductions begin. The question period begins at about 1:03:30; you don’t need to watch beyond that (but of course you may).

The topic for the debate is

**Resolved: The government should never engage in bulk data collection for national security purposes.**

We will use a similar voting scheme as is used in this debate.

Note down any questions you have about terminology used in the debate and we’ll try to answer them in the following class sessions.

**Homework:**

1. Before listening, what was your position on the resolution?

2. What argument put forward by the PRO side did you find the most persuasive?

3. What argument put forward by the CON side did you find most persuasive?

4. Compose a question for each side in the debate.

5. What was your position on the resolution after listening to the debate?

**Read before Lecture 2:** *D is for Digital*, Chapter 2, pp. 21-34: Bits, Bytes and Representation of Information.