



CourseCast of the Week – March 2, 2009 – Episode 90

Key Topics:

- Elevate America
- Privacy in the Balance Again
- News Briefs

Talk About It:

1. Have you read or heard about Elevate America? What is included in this program? What is the purpose of the program? (Elevate America)
2. What is included in the new legislative SAFETY Act of 2009? What is the purpose of the bill? Do you think it will pass? (Privacy in the Balance Again)

Explore Technology:

1. Research and determine what hardware and software businesses will need to be compliant with the SAFETY Act of 2009. What did you find? (Privacy in the Balance Again)
2. Check out Plug Computer? What technology does the Plug Computer offer the users? How is it installed? (News Briefs)

Think Critically:

1. Do you think Microsoft's partnership with colleges and universities will encourage more students to select math, science, and technology-based programs of study? Why or why not? What else could be done to attract younger students into the Science, Math, Engineering and Technology fields? (Elevate America)
2. How do you feel about the proposal that all Internet use should be recorded and stored? Facebook has also become aware of its users concerns over privacy. Do you think these are examples of invasions of privacy? Defend your answer. (Privacy in the Balance Again; News Briefs)