



New York Times Company v. United States (1971): Worksheet

Directions: Fill in the blanks.

1. During the winter of 1971, _____, a former Defense Department employee, made copies of the study and distributed them to *New York Times* reporters. _____ thought releasing the documents would _____.
2. President Nixon and his administration acted with _____, seeking to block the publication of the material, thinking it was imperative to protect the _____.
3. The Court acknowledged that there is _____ to prior restraint. They wrote that the government must _____. However, the Court believed that the government _____ meet this burden.
4. The three dissenting justices argued that the case was decided _____ and the Court needed _____ to examine the prerogatives of the Executive Branch.
5. ... the decision was ambiguous and was diluted because the fact the Court _____.

What were the impacts of the decision in *New York Times v. United States* (1971)?

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