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Recommendation algorithms sort most of what we see online and determine how posts, news articles, and accounts you follow are prioritized on digital platforms. In the past, recommendation algorithms and their influence on our politics have been the subject of much debate; think [Cambridge Analytica](#), [filter bubbles](#), and the [amplification of fake news](#).

Now they're at the center of a landmark legal case that ultimately has the power to completely change how we live online. On February 21, the Supreme Court will hear arguments in *Gonzalez v. Google*, which deals with allegations that Google violated the Anti-Terrorism Act when YouTube's recommendations promoted ISIS content. It's the first time the court will consider a legal provision called Section 230.

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