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Who Gets to Put Pride on the Field?



About 90 minutes / Asynchronous assignment

Work the news desk for Seattle's 2026 World Cup match between Egypt and Iran. Follow who can make each decision, weigh competing explanations for what happened, and compare the evidence with the 2022 OneLove armband dispute.

Learning goals

- Separate local celebrations, stadium access, and approval of what happens on the field.
- Distinguish direct observations, attributed claims, written rules, and records of decisions.
- Compare plausible explanations using evidence that could establish a plan change and what caused it.
- Apply the same evidentiary standard to Seattle and Qatar while comparing institutional leverage.

Assign and pace

The game includes the source cards, match context, and vocabulary. No advance reading is required.

First update and finding · 18–25 min

Assign the case as a substantial at-home activity. Have students open the contact and source cards and commit to a provisional account.

Match-day desk · 16–21 min

Separate Iran's entry to the U.S. from Egypt's requested flight. Read the match-day records and ordinary tournament scheduling rules.

Final fact-check · 16–21 min

Record an initial judgment before reading the alternatives. Compare three explanations and name a dated record that could distinguish them.

Qatar and export · 21–28 min

Make a forecast, open the outcome, write the comparison, and inspect the finished PDF. Offer a pause before this section.

Set up Canvas

Choose For Class at the start. Enter your name and, if you wish, your class or section. Finish the responses and checks to open your report. Choose Download Class PDF in your finished report. If needed, use Print or save as PDF. Open the PDF to check your name and responses, then upload it to Canvas.

To pause or change devices, open Save & resume and download a JSON backup. Use the same activity and mode to restore it.

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Read the class report

Grade the five case responses. The initial Seattle judgment and Qatar forecast are formative checkpoints. Use the keyed checks and selected sources to locate evidence for the written claims.

What to look for

Who could authorize each action?

A local host can organize local events. FIFA approval matters for official field activity. A Pride flag in the stands establishes visible expression at the match. The history of an approved field plan requires dated decision records.

Travel decisions are distinct

Use T and V for the reported U.S. entry decision affecting Iran and the separate requested flight for Egypt. M gives the ordinary tournament rules. Ask for a dated record connecting a government's action to the specific decision under discussion.

Three explanations

The outcome could fit a plan that stayed the same, removal under pressure, or removal for another reason. Dated approved before-and-after plans can show whether a change occurred. A decision email, minutes, or order could help establish why.

Qatar and the record of sanctions

Q0 documents the associations' stated OneLove plan. Q1 records their account of the threat of sporting sanctions and willingness to pay fines. Q2 gives FIFA's official campaign and policy response. Ask what independent record could verify a warning or an actual penalty.

Suggested rubric · 20 points

First public update · 4 points

Name the actor with authority, the contact's role, and the approval still needed.

First finding · 4 points

Use both selected sources, explain each source's limits, and specify a useful follow-up.

Travel check · 4 points

Separate the travel decisions, use the supplied records, and identify evidence connecting an actor to a decision.

Final fact-check · 4 points

Use both selected sources, compare all three explanations, and explain how a dated record could change the conclusion.

Qatar comparison · 4 points

Trace the plan, authority, and threatened cost. Compare the strength of the records in both cases.

Award full credit when the response meets the stated criteria, partial credit for incomplete reasoning, and zero for a missing or unsupported answer.

Debrief and extend

- Which institution could make a Pride event happen outside the stadium? Which approval mattered for activity on the field?
- What is the smallest piece of new evidence that would let you say an approved plan changed? What else would you need to give a cause?
- Why might a threatened sporting sanction change a decision when a fine would be acceptable? Who bears each cost?

A follow-up activity

Ask students to write a two-sentence headline correction and name the person or organization they would ask for the relevant dated record.

Sources for instructors

Seattle FIFA World Cup 26, final match schedule
The host committee's account of the match schedule.

Reuters, Seattle Pride events and organizer statements
A dated report on the scope of the announced local events.

Associated Press, Iran's U.S. entry
Reporting used in the travel checkpoint.

FIFA World Cup 2026 tournament regulations
Tournament rules for teams and tournament operations.

The Football Association, September OneLove announcement
The associations' stated plan before the tournament.

The Football Association, November OneLove statement
The associations' explanation for withdrawing the plan.

FIFA, No Discrimination campaign
FIFA's public account of its official armband campaign.

Activity and downloads

Activity, student guide, and teaching pack on yoavduman.com

Activity, student guide, and teaching pack on Trouble in Common

For Fun allows you to explore with an optional name. The class report is available through For Class. To change modes, save a backup of any work you want to keep and start a new run.