

Opinion: Fantasy sports raises serious questions

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Federal and local prosecutors in states such as New York, Florida, Massachusetts and Nevada are busy investigating the daily fantasy-sports industry to see whether it qualifies as gambling or violates various laws. The subject even led to a somewhat memorable political debate moment recently as New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie launched a verbal assault against a moderator, claiming a question about fantasy sports was irrelevant, given the many problems facing the nation.

But there is mounting evidence that the daily fantasy-sports movement, which has begun an aggressive marketing campaign during sports broadcasts and now has the sponsorship of some major sports leagues, is indeed a threat worthy of discussion.

And arguments that the game involves the skill of its participants, not chance, are looking feeble, indeed.

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