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Supreme Court Justice Cases

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Name of the Supreme Court Case with dates	Cox Communications v. Sony Entertainment, et al. March 25, 2026
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Justices serving at the time of the case	Chief Justice: John Roberts Associate Justices: Clarence Thomas, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Neil Gorsuch, Ketanji Brown Jackson, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett, and Samuel Alito
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Ruling in the case	Unanimous ruling by the court that internet service providers (Cox Communications) aren't liable for copyright infringement committed by their subscribers, unless they intentionally persuade or encourage them to commit said infringements.
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Summary of the case you chose in your own words	<p>Big music companies, including Sony Entertainment, attempted to sue Cox Communications, and internet service provider. Cox's subscribers were downloading and sharing illegally pirated and copyrighted music. The question was whether or not Cox could be responsible for this sharing of copyrighted content, because they provided the internet their subscribers did this on. The court overall ended up ruling that offering internet services isn't the same as distributing copyrighted music.</p> <p>Big music companies, including Sony Entertainment, attempted to sue Cox Communications, and internet service provider. Cox's subscribers were downloading and sharing illegally pirated and copyrighted music. The question was whether or not Cox could be responsible for this sharing of copyrighted content, because they provided the internet their subscribers did this on. The court overall ended up ruling that offering internet services isn't the same as distributing copyrighted music.</p>
Key Constitutional points of the ruling	<p>The ruling focused more on interpretations of copyright and infringement laws, rather than the constitution itself. The ruling stated that people who provide a service, if users of said service do something illegal with it, the service providers are legally safe as long as they don't intentionally try to get users to do said illegal activities.</p> <p>The ruling focused more on interpretations of copyright and infringement laws, rather than the constitution itself. The ruling stated that people who provide a service, if users of said service do something illegal with it, the service providers are legally safe as long as they don't intentionally try to get users to do said illegal activities.</p>
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Long term or non-specific case implications (i.e. states rights, civil rights)	<p>Long term implications of this case included some with tech and media companies. Because of how they ruled, it became a lot harder for media companies to enforce copyright rules and take legal action against ISPs such as Cox. They now have to switch the focus and target companies who actually encourage it. This case also shows that the court supports broad internet access, all while avoiding some of the negative effects of it.</p> <p>Long term implications of this case included some with tech and media companies. Because of how they ruled, it became a lot harder for media companies to enforce copyright rules and take legal action against ISPs such as Cox. They now have to switch the focus and target companies who actually encourage it. This case also shows that the court supports broad internet access, all while avoiding some of the negative effects of it.</p>
Precedents set	<p>ISPs are not liable for user induced copyright infringement, unless there is strict proof they encouraged it. The case really distinguished the general service providers from people who do the wrongdoings using their service.</p> <p>ISPs are not liable for user induced copyright infringement, unless there is strict proof they encouraged it. The case really distinguished the general service providers from people who do the wrongdoings using their service.</p>

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Source Citation	<p>in-landmark-internet-copyright-case.</p> <p>Supreme Court Finds Internet Service Providers Not Liable for Users' Pirated Music - The Washington Post, www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2026/03/25/supreme-court-copyright-cox-sony-music/. Accessed 31 Mar. 2026.</p> <p>Supreme Court Sides with Cox in Landmark Music Piracy Case, www.axios.com/2026/03/25/supreme-court-music-piracy-case-cox-sony. Accessed 31 Mar. 2026.</p> <p>Kramer, Kim. "Major Victory: U.S. Supreme Court Sides with Cox in Landmark Internet Copyright Case." Enterprises, 26 Mar. 2026, www.coxenterprises.com/news/major-victory-u-s-supreme-court-sides-with-in-landmark-internet-copyright-case.</p> <p>Supreme Court Finds Internet Service Providers Not Liable for Users' Pirated Music - The Washington F www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2026/03/25/supreme-court-copyright-cox-sony-music/. Accessed 31 2026.</p> <p>Supreme Court Sides with Cox in Landmark Music Piracy Case, www.axios.com/2026/03/25/supreme-c-music-piracy-case-cox-sony. Accessed 31 Mar. 2026.</p>



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