

Week 1 Model

Minor writing assignment

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Q2.

Claim: I think women are better listeners than men.

Pro.

1. Women are more attentive to conversations.
2. They tend to be more concerned.
3. Depending on the conversation women might be more concerned if it involves problems related to them.
4. Women considered themselves to be better than men.
5. Being a better listener in the work place would make females more dominate in positions.

Con.

1. This is sexist towards men; everyone is equal under the law.
2. Men are concerned as well in conversations, about what is being said.
3. Men are also concerned regarding problems related to women, which might affect their spouse or loved one.
4. This may be true in a women's mind, but it is not in an equal view.
5. This could make females more dominate if it was true, but the work place needs to be equal in every sense towards both sexes.

Claim: Capital punishment is no deterrent to crime.

Pro. 1. Capital punishment may cause criminals to be afraid of committing crime due to the punishment.

2. This is used and affective in some States on younger youths to make an impression about criminal acts.

3. Studies in certain States have shown this to be a deterrent towards criminal acts.

4. Capital punishment is proven affective in other countries around the world to deter criminal acts.

5. America needs to resort to capital punishment like China to lower our crime rates to their level.

Con.

1. Capital punishment does cause fear and Americans should not be living in fear of their government.

2. Youths should be shown other affective crime deterrents than capital punishment.

3. No studies can solidly show that capital punishment as a crime deterrent actually works.

4. This may be true, but causes everyone to live in fear of committing the smallest criminal acts that you and I do everyday, such as speeding. 20lashes for 5mph over the speed limit seem fair to you?

5. This is a violation of Americans constitutional rights to cruel and unusual punishment.

Claim: “Hard” sciences such as math are more difficult than “soft” sciences such as sociology.

Pro.

1. This may be true but Americans need the math skills in life.
2. Math skills in life are essential to functions in everyday life but sometimes algebra and much more difficult math are not used ever again in life other than school.
3. Hard math teaches us more to compete with other countries such as China that we fall behind in academically.
4. This should be a credit that everyone must take in school to learn the basics.
5. Hard math is not to harm anyone but just help further their knowledge if this is ever needed in life other than in school.

Con.

1. Math is needed such as adding and multiples but algebra and trigonometry are not ever used again in life.
2. Algebra and other maths should be chosen in high school by the student over sociology by choice.
3. China pushes their students to never have days off to learn more. This can cause burn outs and the children never absorb anything they learned.
4. Basics yes should be taken, but algebra should be a choice over another credit in school.

5. This is untrue, it can cause health problems from stress and be ineffective by causing burnouts in the students and discourage higher education being obtained.

Claim: The production and sale of cigarettes must be outlawed for the health of the American public.

Pro.

1. Outlawing cigarettes reduces all the deaths that are caused from cigarettes.
2. People in restaurants do not want second hand smoke and should be allowed this right as an American to breath fresh air in restaurants that they are paying at.
3. Young children are obtaining cigarettes thinking this is cool and not realizing the health risk they are taking.
4. American people are addicted more every year to this drug because the nicotine levels are being raised to make it this way.
5. Outlawing the cigarettes may cause problems but in the end are very beneficially to the public's health.

Con.

1. Cigarettes do cause death and other risks that people are well aware of.
2. People at restaurants can choose non-smoking or the smoking section.
3. Parents should pay more attention to their children's actives and not blame the cigarette companies for out of control children's choices.
4. People are entitled to make their own choices as legal adults, it's their given American right at birth.

5. May benefit people's health, but can cause a debt towards the government because cigarettes are taxed higher and generate more revenue.

Claim: The University should reduce tuition for those students who maintained an A average during the previous year.

Pro.

1. A students should be given a lower tuition rate, since they worked harder than others.

2. Tuition is rising throughout the country and making it harder for adults to attend, a break would benefit them.

3. This would attract students to work harder in school to maintain an A average to receive lower tuition rates.

4. Hard working students deserve a break of some sort other than summer break.

5. Universities make enough money and would bring even more students to their schools if they gave a break of some sort.

Con.

1. Some people are born smart, and doesn't mean other students don't work just as hard but don't receive A's for it.

2. There is financial aid for those who can't pay cash to attend college. No reason tuition should be raised for that reason.

3. What about students who just don't understand and require paying more money for tutoring to maintain A's, in the end they aren't getting a break.

4. Summer break is already a treat enough for students. Colleges need the revenue with the current government cutting funds towards schools.
5. This may attract more students, but doesn't guarantee the Colleges will come out with more in the end.

Claim: ROTC should be made available to all students in U.S. colleges and universities.

Pro.

1. ROTC is very good for teaching students respect and discipline.
2. ROTC helps keep students away from drugs and alcohol by keeping them busy.
3. This program helps students who want to advance in the military by joining ROTC.
4. ROTC may offer students scholarships or grants by joining, while allowing students to go to college.
5. ROTC is nothing but a positive influence on students and is by choice to join.

Con.

1. This may be true but it can overload students with school work and students not realizing college is more important to finish the degree with good grades.
2. This is a positive thing but is no guarantee.
3. If kids are going to college to obtain a degree why would they want to go to the military afterwards, they should be focused on school more and this be a hobby.
4. This is good but is this scheme to sign up with the military after college because of the money they are giving the student, almost like a bribe.

5. It is by choice to join but students who do not want this in college to be pressured all the time by recruiters.

Claim: The majority of American people support prayer in school.

Pro.

1. American Christians support pray in school.
2. Children are given the choice to pray or not in school, some parents want them to do it without having a choice.
3. This keeps children close to god and to be good, parents want this to be in school like they do in home.
4. America was founded on Christianity and should be in schools. You came to the country knowing what it was founded on and there should be you're fair warning of what goes on.
5. This should remain in school and everyone should do it regardless of you're religion.

Con.

1. Christians are one religion others do not agree with their views.
2. As American you're rights are protected under the constitution to pray in school if you want to, to that religion.
3. Other religions keep kids close to their gods and beliefs without having Christianity forced onto them.
4. People come to this country for the rights they receive and freedom to religion.

5. The current practices we in place for praying in school are fine. There is no need to modify them in any way. People have choice that's the great thing about America.

The one issue I chose was on TV violence being associated to violent acts committed by kids. Parents just want someone to blame and so does the media when something bad happens. It's who can point the finger the quickest.

TV violence needs to be monitored by both parents and the ratings association. Children have their own minds and absorb everything they see in real life and TV, they don't know any better. It's why we have regulations and parents to assist in this matter.

No one wants to stand up and take the blame though. All the shootings could have been prevented if parents would have taken a closer look at warning signs within their children.