

Writing to sources: Argumentative Essay – Rough Draft

Due Date: Sunday, January the 17th

In this unit, you read about various people who take a stand for what matters. In some cases, they are the authors themselves, writing to convince others to adopt their point of view. In others, the authors or their subjects are discovering what matters to them.

Assignment: Write an argument in which you state and defend a claim in response to the following question:-

Is it important for people to make their own choices in life?

Use examples from the selections you read, viewed, and researched in this unit to support and verify your claim. Organize your ideas so that they flow logically and are easy for readers to follow. Use a formal style and tone.

REMEMBER: Your essay should have an effective argument, including a clear claim, relevant evidence, possible counterclaims & rebuttal, and a strong conclusion. Your essay needs to be 500 words long, minimally, and written in font type Arial or Times New Roman, size 12, and formatted accordingly. Be sure to indent the first line of every new paragraph. Write immediately on the space below.

Title:

People's Choice

Why does the government have a say in people's rights? Maybe it's because they're power hungry and they think the only way to keep that power is to take away others. An economy only works if the people in charge want to help make the people, in the very economy they're working for, thrive. People deserve to have their right to protect themselves so they'd work better in a community where there aren't other people out to get them.

If the government takes away the people's liberty then the people would have no other choice but to revolt. Historically, this has happened every single time the people's rights were taken away like in the French revolutions and the Russian revolutions. People shouldn't have their right taken away from them, or in turn, the government will fall. People would think governments would know better than to undermine its people but there's always that one power hungry person in charge that brings the government to its downfall. Violence is not the people's first answer, it's not even their second. They beg time and again to have the government modernize its laws so people don't suffer but the government still denies their requests. People start to take peaceful stands for themselves and the government responds with violence to the people they have sworn to serve and protect. The people start to get (very) violent but denying that the people's revolts weren't impactful would be foolish. Their outcomes all but force the

government to stand down and change for the better. That's why having rights gives the people a sense of protection and they are loyal to their government.

If people are denied from making their own choices then art and literature wouldn't be what it is today; glorious. Take Voltaire, as an example, he has amazing works of literature that many people disagreed with. He even got sent to prison for one of his works but today he is celebrated and seen as a genius. Many people are inspired by Voltaire and stemming from that inspiration comes amazing works of literature that are also celebrated. Pablo Picasso was also criticized for his work, in spite of that criticism, he went on to change the world of art as they knew it. People around the globe know who Picasso is, even if they are not artists themselves. Without the right to make their own choices, Voltaire and Picasso wouldn't exist and the world of art and literature that we know and love wouldn't be what it is. Art and literature might not even exist without having people make their own choices in their field, every work would be the same and that is not art and literature. At the time, so many artists and authors were told not to do what they did but they did not listen and they followed their own path in life, and because of their bravery there are thousands if not millions of people that admire their work.

Psychopaths should have the right to make their own decisions and those decisions will lead to the deaths of both human beings and animals. A big misconception in today's media is that ALL psychopaths are cold blooded murderers. What makes a person a psychopath? A psychopath is a personality disorder that generally makes a person anti-social, bold, have impaired empathy, and have a big ego. Nowhere does it say that all psychopaths will be killers and it is an injustice to insinuate it. Any person could be a murderer, whether it be accidental or intentional. Another big misconception of psychopaths is that they're insane. They do not hear voices in their head and they do not hallucinate, legally they are not insane. Yet another misconception is that all psychopaths are violent, yes, it is a risk factor but it is not a guarantee that a psychopath is violent. All this in mind, you still cannot believe that given a free choice, a psychopath would go around killing every person and animal they see.

In Conclusion, it is essential that people make their own choices in their life. The government taking away people's rights will eventually lead to them revolting. What would art and literature be today if people didn't have the right to choose what they wanted to do; it wouldn't be the art and literature that people know today. It's not fair to claim that psychopaths would go around killing people and animals as they please since it is all a misconception made in the media.

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First of all, people would feel very restricted in their own lives, if the government takes away their liberty and since they feel that way, they would have no other choice but to revolt. Historically, this has happened every single time the people's rights were taken away like in the French revolutions and the Russian revolutions. People shouldn't have their right taken away from them, or in turn, the government will fall. People would think governments would know better than to undermine its people but there's always that one power hungry person in charge that brings the government to its downfall. Violence is not the people's first answer, it's not even their second. They beg time and again to have the government modernize its laws so people don't suffer but the government still denies their requests. People start to take peaceful stands for themselves and the government responds with violence to the people they have sworn to serve and protect. The people start to get (very) violent but denying that the people's revolts weren't impactful would be foolish. Their outcomes all but force the government to stand down and change for the better. That's why having rights gives the people a sense of protection and they are loyal to their government.

Secondly, people making their own decisions will lead to great achievements, so if people are denied from making their own choices then art and literature wouldn't be what it is today; glorious. Take Voltaire, as an example, he has amazing works of literature that many people disagreed with. He even got sent to prison for one of his works but today he is celebrated and seen as a genius. Many people are inspired by Voltaire and stemming from that inspiration comes amazing works of literature that are also celebrated. Pablo Picasso was also criticized for his work, in spite of that criticism, he went on to change the world of art as they knew it. People around the globe know who Picasso is, even if they are not artists themselves. Without the right to make their own choices, Voltaire and Picasso wouldn't exist and the world of art and literature that we know and love wouldn't be what it is. Art and literature might not even exist without having people make their own choices in their field, every work would be the same and that is not art and literature. At the time, so many artists and authors were told not to do what they did but they did not listen and they followed their own path in life, and because of their bravery there are thousands if not millions of people that admire their work.

Lastly, for students to pass their classes they have to sit and listen to their teachers, and students should accommodate to their teacher's teaching preference. Students should have the

right to vote on what kind of learning style they prefer, and having teachers do it by proxy doesn't benefit the students. Teachers want their students to pass their classes and, in order to do that, teaching should be how the student would learn the information best, not what would be easiest on the teacher. Studies show that students learn best in an interactive environment, but an interactive one on their terms. If students feel like they are free to learn how they want to, then they will be more confident in themselves and their abilities. They'd perform better in examinations and they'd get higher marks on their classworks. Students' learning environment determines how well they perform in their work-life. Therefore, students should have the right to make their own choices since it is their academic life.

In conclusion, it is essential that people make their own choices in their life. An authority in power that takes away people's rights will eventually lead to them revolting. What would art and literature be today if people didn't have the right to choose what they wanted to do; it wouldn't be the art and literature that people know today. Make your own choices, it will lead to great things!

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