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### Warrants & Assumptions Assignment

**Argument 1:** *Marijuana should be legalized because it would reduce the flow of money from the American economy to international criminal gangs.*

#### **What is the claim?**

- Marijuana should be legal.

#### **What is the reason?**

- They want to reduce economic gains to international criminal enterprises.

#### **What is the warrant?**

- If marijuana is legal, citizens would no longer need to resort to using criminal sources, which are often operated from other countries, to source the drug.

#### **Will that warrant be universally accepted?**

- No. Gangs will search for other ways to stabilize their financial income, such as selling other illegal drugs.

#### **If not, do I need to qualify it, provide evidence for it, or dismiss it entirely?**

- The statement needs to be qualified, as it assumes there will be no further development of the situation after the initial goal is completed.

**Argument 2:** *Airport screeners should use racial profiling because doing so will increase the odds of stopping terrorists.*

**What is the claim?**

- Screeners should use racial profiling.

**What is the reason?**

- The rate of terrorist threats will decrease as profiling increases.

**What is the warrant?**

- Stopping terrorists is a justifiable cause to judge individuals by their race.

**Will that warrant be universally accepted?**

- No. It will be perceived as immoral due to the implications of racism and conflation of terrorism with skin color.

**If not, do I need to qualify it, provide evidence for it, or dismiss it entirely?**

- Qualifying the statement may reduce the implication of racist intent, providing evidence of statistical links between race and terrorism may cause it to be more convincing.

**Argument 3:** *We should strengthen the Endangered Species Act because doing so will preserve genetic diversity on the planet.*

**What is the claim?**

- The Endangered Species Act needs to be modified to expand its parameters.

**What is the reason?**

- The decline of genetic diversity will be prevented.

**What is the warrant?**

- The Endangered Species Act is not doing enough to protect genetic diversity.

**Will that warrant be universally accepted?**

- No. Businesses affected by the Endangered Species Act may oppose expansion of how it will affect their operations. Individuals may oppose it as an overreach of governmental power, an excessive use of funding, or even perceive it as satisfactory as is.

**If not, do I need to qualify it, provide evidence for it, or dismiss it entirely?**

- Evidence is necessary to explain why the Endangered Species Act is not viable in its current iteration, and what necessitates alterations.

**Argument 4:** *We should not support marine parks because they stressfully separate dolphins and orcas from their natural habitat.*

**What is the claim?**

- Marine parks should not receive support.

**What is the reason?**

- The parks have a detrimental effect on dolphins & orcas.

**What is the warrant?**

- The only function of marine parks is for the exploitation of the animals they have and that is justifiable cause to have them shut down.

**Will that warrant be universally accepted?**

- No. The other purposes of marine parks such as research, education, rehabilitation or treatment centers may be cause for opposition.

**If not, do I need to qualify it, provide evidence for it, or dismiss it entirely?**

- Qualification of specific functions of marine parks that should be reduced would be more convincing than a blanket statement.