**Aplomb versus Esprit**

**Mr. Aplomb’s claim, reason and evidence:**

Mr. Aplomb says that Ms. Esprit should not create disturbances with loud parties and noisy animals that make it impossible for him to sleep, because it is reasonable to expect peace and quiet in your own house.

Local ordinances prohibit making noises that are above a certain decibel level.  Furthermore, when people buy property they expect to be able to enjoy it. Finally, according to the respected Dr. Kronkheit, medical science shows that if people do not get enough sleep, they cannot function in their daily lives.

**Ms. Esprit’s rebuttal:**

You do not have the right to sleep without being disturbed, because the noise ordinance only applies after midnight on weekdays and after 1:00 am on weekends.  Furthermore, other people have the right to enjoy their property, too.  In addition, medical authorities such as the esteemed Dr. Boop say that while sleep is one component of good health, enjoying yourself and having fun is also essential to good health. Finally, living in a community always involves some noise, such as lawnmowers, and children playing.  It is not reasonable to expect a noise-free environment.

**Mr. Aplomb’s counter-rebuttal:**

The noise from Ms. Esprit's house occurred after midnight on a Thursday and at 2:00 am on a Saturday, so the noise ordinance supports my argument.  Furthermore, Ms. Esprit's enjoyment of her property shouldn't be allowed to interfere with my enjoyment of my property.  While it may be true that having fun decreases stress, other authorities state that listening to excessive noise raises stress levels, as well as interfering  with sleep.