

PEER REVIEW

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Does the 'About' page gives enough context about the issue (or not)? Write down any questions or issues that are unclear. How does the 'About' page establish exigence (or not)? Is it understandable to a general audience?

It does a good job giving a background while being concise, and does not take a side yet.

Positions 1-3:

Does each argument have a strong thesis? Does each position have a distinct, clear argument? Are the arguments clear to you as a non-expert? Identify the stasis for each argument. Do the arguments seem to be in conversation? If so, how? If not, how might they be put into conversation?

The two completed arguments do have a case for them. In addition, they also bring up a common counterpoint to their argument and refute it, and then they each have a conclusion.

- Maybe find a quote for argument three as well?

Which argument is the strongest or most compelling? Why? Do any of the positions seem less developed? Do other positions betray bias that seems to run counter to the argument being made (in other words, can you tell the writer is taking a stance that goes against his or her beliefs)?

Simply because there is more evidence, argument 1 seems to be the most convincing. If the third argument had a quote too, then it would seem more even.

How does the writer appeal to ethos, pathos, and logos? Is the balance right for an online audience? How does the website enhance writer's ethos (or not)? Does the writer appeal to emotions? How, specifically? Does the writer employ enough facts to back up the claims represented on the forum?

The forum does not have too much of an emotional appeal, thus, does not appeal to pathos as much.

- Add more quotes to further build the appeal to logos.
- There is an element of ethos, as the author does mention the organizations.
- Could introduce the people saying the quote a bit more (*Person's name* from *This organization* etc.)
 - Do this so we can know a bit more about whoever said the quote.

How well does the author incorporate citations and hyperlinked articles? Does the author properly introduce and then explain each source that the author cites? Do the hyperlinks take you where you expect them to go? Is there information that seems like it should be hyperlinked or cited but isn't?

There is a quote in argument 1 which does have a lead in.

- Last page is empty
- No hyperlinks yet (need at least 2 per page)
- Add some citations at the page footer
- Cite the source where the quote came from

Check the annotated bibliography/required reading. Are the citations correct? Mark them if you think not. Do the short summaries get bogged down in unnecessary detail or do they stick to the overarching argument?

There are no citations yet

Give feedback on the layout of the website. Are the pages set up effectively? Are they easy to navigate? Do the colors, fonts, use of images, and other affordances aid in the argument (or not)? Be specific! How might they make the website more visually/rhetorically appealing?

The website is easy to navigate, and each section and subsection is clearly labeled. Font choice also seems to fit, and everything is mostly readable.

- Could use some pictures to add more appeal
- Consistent spacing between text and subtitles (*Conclusion*, *The Opposition* etc.)
- Also could use a darker font color

Check for concision and clarity. Are there sentences that are wordy or awkward? Is the writing specific or vague? Does the writer use 'strong' and specific verbs?

The sentences are structured well, and there are no run-ons.

- The text could be a little longer or more detailed, as they seem a bit too short.
- Sentence structure could vary a bit more in the argument pages.

What about transitions? Does the writer transition smoothly and coherently between paragraphs and sentences? Note any places where the connection between two ideas needs to be made clearer. What suggestions (i.e. transitional words/sentences) do you have?

The transitions are for the most part consistent.

- In the page of the third argument, there seems to be a paragraph consisting of a lone sentence?
- Why does the *About* page have all the text centered, while the other pages are left-aligned?

Use this space for additional comments:

Other than that it looks good. Just get the second argument done..... >:-)