

Armstrong Mock Trial

Character: Lawyer Two (Prosecution)

Argument: Why Rafiq should be sent to prison

I would like to begin my argument by saying that this isn't a case of morality. It doesn't matter whether or not you feel for Rafiq, ~~it~~ ~~matters~~ what matters is that he broke the law. He killed people and plundered villages. That ~~it~~ is illegal and he should be punished for it.

If the argument is that he was brainwashed into doing so, I say, so, what? There were multiple instances of him being able to escape. For example, at the bombing of the market and subsequent bombing of the temple, Rafiq was alone in the market. He could have easily gone into the ~~nearest~~ nearby police station and handed in his bomb. Or he could have just left. Instead, he detonated the bomb, knowing that many would die and lose the products.

Rafiq's father raised him to be submissive to adults. He is on record saying that it was disrespectful to ~~disobey~~ adults. Even though this is a normal lesson to teach children, it can easily be misinterpreted as an order to obey all adults and that they

are all always right. Since Rafiq was taken at such a young age, originally following these orders would lead him not just fall down the slippery ~~step~~ slope, but to jump. By the time the events we are arguing over happened, the seed, planted by his father, would have sprouted to become a tree of not just obedience, but full belief in what he was doing.

If Rafiq was only doing what he did under the influence of his captors, he wouldn't have headed for the ~~tharaka~~ police station after everyone else was dead.

In conclusion, I say Rafiq is guilty because he did it, even if you say he was forced to.

~~Murder~~ Murder, attempted murder, destruction of property, illegal possession of a fire arm, ~~kidnapping~~ war crimes, terrorism, armed robbery, assault and battery, kidnapping, hate crime