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Are We Winning the War on Cancer?

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1. John R. Seffrin states we are winning the war on cancer because we know how to stop and eliminate cancer based on evidence. He also states that we should take action against the plague of tobacco.
2. Reynold Spector counterattacks saying that there has been limited gains made against cancer, so there hasn't been a lot of progress in the cancer war.
3. According to Seffrin, if we stop the tobacco spread, less people will die to cancer. Also, if done right in places that can thrive, and private sectors, 75% of cancer patients can survive due to quality cancer care.
4. According to Spector, he used the source of U.S. mortality, 2006, (Figure 1) and found that cancer was the second-leading cause of death, behind heart disease. In a graph on Figure 2, (Cancer Death Rates\* by sex, U.S., 1975-2005), men have died more from cancer than either both sexes or women.
5. According to Seffrin by 2020, 15 million people will have cancer worldwide, and 12 million people will die from cancer. Cancer will be the leading cause of death in the US by 2018.

6. According to Spector, the federal government has spent over \$105 billion in 1971 to stop cancer and that there has been little progress since that time.  
There are 6 reasons why the cancer war has failed.
7. Seffrin states that we know to cure cancer, and I think it is a fallacy because I have never heard of a time or person who has been fully cured of cancer.
8. Spector ignored child cancer and used stats on adult cancer. The stats are misleading because even if less than 1% of children are diagnosed of cancer, it still is an important stat.
9. When Seffrin says that if we fail to do the right thing, than cancer will be the leading cause of death by 2018 in the US, he is using an emotional argument.  
Tobacco does cause cancer, and there has been factual data that has proved that tobacco causes a high population of cancer victims.
10. Spector ignores talking about child cancer, which is an emotional appeal because talking about children with cancer will get some people upset. He did use factual arguments by showing tables and figures, especially Figure 1, when cancer was the second-leading cause of death.
11. I believe with Spector because he shows more than 1 facts in his debates, and tables are a good example, and Seffrin is more about future than now.
12. I was impressed with Spector because not many people can use lots of facts by using tables, and the table was the key for me choosing his side.
13. Seffrin is trying to get people emotional by talking about problems in the future, instead of right now, which is one of the reason why I chose Spector.