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Argument Reflection

This reflection is similar to my ad analysis reflection. I did not receive peer feedback due to handing the essay in late. This was definitely the hardest essay to write. I spent over a week trying to think of a topic where I felt I could write something good. In the end, I still had to settle there. While the essay went a little bit better than the ad analysis in some ways, it went worse in others. I initially tried to finish it in one sitting so it would at least be done. However, I quickly grew too tired and unable to think of anything to write. When I came back to it another day, I spent the first hour rewriting parts I had written last time. Even that sitting wasn't enough to actually finish it off. It took me yet another sitting to fully complete the essay.

Putting aside that argumentative writing is one of my least favourite styles unless I'm borrowing from it for the purpose of teaching somebody a fact, it was also clear to me that this essay wouldn't turn out great either. While I have some personal experience with my topic, I am of the opinion that personal experiences do not belong in argumentative writing because it's too easy for readers to extrapolate. That's not to say you can't be a good source when you're an expert in the matter. I still realize that zooming in on individual people can influence how the reader feels about the topic by playing with their emotions, and this can be a valuable technique, even if I feel it does a disservice to the writing. Regardless, it appeared that making this essay more personal was desired, so I put my opinion aside.

Getting back on track, the structure of this essay didn't feel as bad as it could. When I finished my first go at the introduction, I had a pretty clear outline for the rest of the essay. I

wouldn't say it follows the traditional format to a T, but I'm okay with that. Specifically, two of my points flowed together more seamlessly than if I had stepped in to make them completely distinct. While this reflection wasn't done in time for feedback, I was expecting that I would receive some on the strength of the argument. I was curious to see whether the way I made the essay more personal would be appealing. I was also curious to see if the aforementioned lack of perfect separation of two points would be brought up.