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Topic: Eulogy for Ryan Lochte

The Rhetorical Situation:

Eulogizing: Ryan Lochte is a very accomplished American athlete who should be celebrated, not remembered for his antics at Rio 2016

Audience: The Lochte family and close friends, as well as fellow former swimmers.

Constraints: The audience remembers Ryan Lochte as a drunken idiot who is a liar from his debacle in Rio. I am going to convince them that he is one of the greatest American athletes of all time, and his (sometimes) lack of intelligence should be viewed not as him being dumb, but that it should be viewed as Ryan dedicating all his time to swimming, and not having time to do other things.

Speech Outline

1. Intro
   1. I’m here today to talk about one of the greatest American swimmers, and perhaps one of its greatest athletes, to ever walk this earth. Michael Phelps you say?
      1. Not quite. I’m here today to talk about that missile of a man in the pool that was Ryan Lochte.
      2. I’m here to remind everyone in attendance that Lochte is highly accomplished swimmer and whatever shortcomings he had were a result of his dedication to swimming.
2. Lochte’s Accomplishments
   1. 12-time Olympic medalist, competing in 4 Olympic games, six gold medals
   2. Second in total swimming medals behind Phelps
   3. 90 total medals in major competitions
   4. NCAA Swimmer of the Year 2 times
   5. Won 3 National titles at 2006 NCAA National Championships
   6. Sports Management Major at Florida as well
   7. Who can argue with that resume?
3. The shortcomings
   1. Not known for being the brightest guy but that’s okay
   2. He didn’t have time for anything else but swimming
   3. No one was more dedicated
   4. Had a TV show anyways, fashion lines
   5. He was a funny, easy going guy
   6. Why hate on him for having fun?
4. Conclusion
   1. Extremely accomplished swimmer, in college and internationally
   2. Wasn’t the smartest, because so much time spent in the pool
   3. In the end, he had fun and enjoyed his time here