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**Persuasive Speech Outline**

**Specific Purpose:** I want to persuade the audience that they should ditch consoles and buy a PC

**Thesis Statement:** Consoles are overrated and everyone should buy a PC instead.

**Attention**

1. How many of you own a console? How many of you own *multiple* consoles? If so, do they overlap in content or usage? Have any of you had issues with your consoles? Whether it was lack of storage, performance issues, problems connecting to servers, paying for a membership to connect to those servers, paying for a membership to play an already purchased game, the disc drive failing to: read a disc, spit out a disc or is producing questionable sounds when running or worst of all, has your console no longer supported or has died (IE: red ring of death)? Have you purchased a console solely to play a single console-exclusive?
2. Today I will be talking about why you should stop buying new consoles and instead build your own PC. I will explain the problems with owning a console, the possibilities owning a PC opens, how easy it is to build your very own PC and what to do about console exclusives.

**Need**

1. Many children and young adults today lack the necessary skills to grow up to be a healthy, constructive, independent adult.
   1. Children who do not exercise can become unhealthy.
      1. According tothe Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, approximately 16 % of children from the age of 2 to 19, in America are obese.
      2. According to the Department of Health and Human Services website, the President's Council of Physical Fitness and Sports, one quarter of U.S. children spend 4 hours or more watching television daily.
      3. According to the same website, they also concluded that, "Type 2 - diabetes, once called 'adult *onset'* diabetes, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol, once thought to be age-related, are now diagnosed in children and teens."
   2. Children who are not involved in sports are more likely to drink alcohol and take part in drugs.
      1. According to the Women's Sports Foundation, females who are not involved in sports are more likely to use marijuana, cocaine, and other drugs. Males also follow the same trend but have a have a wider range of drugs they are capable of abusing.
   3. Children who do not participate in sports are less likely to be successful in school.
      1. According to a study put on by U.C Davis, their admitted class of freshman athletes had a slightly higher high school cumulative GPA.
      2. The same study stated that only 75% of their non-athlete students as opposed to 85% of their athlete students graduated in 5 years.

**Satisfaction**

1. Children are not capable of getting involved in sports without the encouragement and help of their parents.
   1. Take your children to the local YMCA and sign them up for something they are interested in.
   2. If your children seem extremely interested in a professional sport, ask them if they want to try to play that sport,
   3. Another way to encourage children is for the parents to also be involved in sports and lead by example.

**Visualization**

1. If your child is involved in sports, then many benefits will occur.
   1. Children and young adults who play sports will have better academics careers and will be more likely to graduate high school.
   2. They will be more adept at handling social situations.
   3. They will be more responsible and disciplined.
   4. They will develop team working skills and possibly leadership skills.
   5. They will stay away from drugs and alcohol.
   6. They will be healthier and learn to stay healthy through their whole life, promoting a longer life.

**Action**

1. There are so many reasons for supporting your children to get involved in sports and at any age; it is never too late. Being active in sports does not mean it has to be an organized collegiate or high school sport. Most children love sports for pure enjoyment. I am a product of my parents urging me to get involved and stay in sports, and without them I know I would have never stuck with it. I have benefited in so many ways from being involved in sports and I believe I am· turning into a constructive independent adult. By 1) introducing your children early and often to a variety of sports, 2) signing them up to participate, and 3) being involved in the sport with them, they too can experience the benefits of being involved in sports. Thank you.

**Audience Analysis:**

I chose this topic because sports are a big part of my life, but also, they have been very beneficial in forming the person I am. Many of my fellow students do have children or one day will have children, and I am trying to encourage them to encourage their children to become involved in sports for beneficial reasons.

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