

FORMAT OF DEBATE : POSITION PAPER

*** Four reason why Rizal Retracted***

1. To save his family and town further persecution.
2. To give Josephine Bracken a legal status as his wife.
3. To secure reforms from the spanish goverment.
4. To help the church cut away from the disease which harmed her.

A. Affirmative Construction (Argue your position)

1. Positive stand

- the said letter contains that Jose Rizal declared himself as a Catholic and that he retracts everything he had said, written, published and did against the Catholic church.
- Retraction of Rizal is all about his reversion to the Catholic faith and his marriage to Josephine Bracken.
- the issue was claimed to be true by the " Roman Catholic " Defenders". But asserted to be deceptive by anti-retractionist.
- they might say that the retraction document is a forgery, but hand writing experts concluded that it is genuine.

B. Negative construction (Critique of the opponent)

- according to Jose Victor Torres professor at the history department of the de la salle University " Personally I did not believe he Retracted but some documents that was purchased by the Philippine government for Spain in the mid -1990's the cuerpo de vigilancia de Manila, showed some interesting point about the retraction"

C. Rebuttal speech (reply to the critique)

Positive stand

- base on Xiao chua a Filipino Historian and (professor of de la salle University)

A few hours before Rizal died, he signed a document "The Retraction" That says Rizal was a Catholic and get married by Josephine Bracken. (Last love)

- the testimony of Padre Vicente Balaguer (base on secondary resources) retraction was held in may 18, 1935 the original document was found in Archdiocesan archives.

- base on the testimony of

cuerpo de vigilancia de Manila on august 04, 2016, Comprisioner Rene R.Escalante read the "Re- Examining the last 24hrs of Rizal using spy records"

The document contains the events happened before Jose Rizal died.

- Thomas á kempis is the author of imitation of Christ ", one part of the book contains the letter starting " To my dear and unhappy wife, Josephine, December 30th, 1896, Jose Rizal."

D. Summation and Conclusion

- We all know that Rizal is our national hero and one of those who fought for our country using his mind. Retraction is not bad at all, in fact, when Rizal did the Retraction, the people in the Philippines known and value him more.
- Even rizal retracted or not it cannot change the fact of what he has already done and what his writings have already achieve.

HUMANS BECOMING SLAVES OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY

Imagine a world without technology. Is it possible? If you answered 'no', you might be addicted to technology. As human beings, we use technology in a big way, every day. It plays an important role in our lives because it will make things to be easier and better.

But in today's world, we're always on, and always plugged in. So, have we become so addicted to technology that we become slaves to it?

According to Louis CK we are pretty much 100% of people are texting while driving and they're killing everyone with their cars. People are willing to risk taking a life and ruining their own because they don't want to be alone for 5 seconds. Our phones are constantly buzzing. The notifications has occupied our lives because it's on our phones that begging us to pay attention. Technology has become our closest friend. It would be difficult to live without technology and this is what makes us to be slaves. From the moment you woke up, the first thing you would find is your phone to check if there is notifications. We are becoming more dependent on technology. Without technology and our mobile phones in particular, we feel alone. Out at dinner, the couple not interacting with each other but heads down focused on their phones. Our phones makes us closer to person far from us, but it takes us away from the ones sitting next to us.

On the positive side, we can now connect to friends around the world regardless of how far we are. I love how technology helps but use it wisely to enhance not replace. New technologies can be empowering and help us connect, but they can also divide us and make us more lonely and isolated than ever before