

Persuasive Presentation in Support of Universal Health Care in the US

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Hour: Example

Assignment: Persuasive - Universal Health Care

Comment [RAC1]: Identification including all required elements: Name, Hour and Assignment.

Introduction

Comment [RAC2]: Explicit identification of the first main element of the Basic Speech Structure.

- I. Attention Getter: Story about Little Suzie, an eight year old whose parents do not have health insurance and who was recently diagnosed with Childhood Leukemia.
- II. Thesis Statement: Today I will provide arguments showing you why the United States should provide Universal Health Care for all its citizens.
- III. Preview of Main Points: I will do this by arguing:
 - A. The US Government has failed in its obligation to provide for the welfare of millions of uninsured Americans.
 - B. Universal Health Care is affordable.
 - C. Providing Universal Health Care will not make the U.S. into a Socialist nation.

Comment [RAC3]: AG, purpose is to gain the attention of the audience and ensure that they are interested in the topic. Only deep enough to ensure that I remember everything I wanted to say.

Comment [RAC4]: TS, Explicitly states both my topic and my position on that topic.

Transition: Now let's take a closer look at these arguments.

Body

Comment [RAC6]: Explicit identification of the second element of the Basic Speech Structure.

- I. The US Government has failed in its obligation to provide for the welfare of millions of uninsured Americans.
 - A. According to the Census Bureau there are approximately 47 million Americans without health insurance, or nearly 16% of the total population. (Nations Health)
 - B. This means that a substantial amount of our citizenry do not have access to health care.
 - C. As far back as 1983 our government, in the form of a Presidential commission, recognized that it had a "ethical obligation to insure equitable access to health care' for all Americans." (Pear)
- II. Universal Health Care is affordable.
 - A. The Institute of Medicine estimates that Universal Health Care in the United States would cost between \$34 and \$69 billion annually. (Chua)
 - B. The war in Iraq is currently costing nearly \$2 billion a week or \$104 billion a year. (Bender)

Comment [RAC7]: First argument in support of my position.

Comment [RAC8]: Notice the verbal reference so that the audience can tell that my evidence is from a good source.

Comment [RAC9]: Supporting evidence for my first argument. Notice the in-text citations referring to the specific sources located in the Works Cited.

Comment [RAC10]: Second argument in support of my position.

- C. This means that Universal Health Care could be more than paid for simply by withdrawing from Iraq.

Comment [RAC11]: Supporting evidence for my second argument.

III. One of the primary arguments against Universal Health Care is that government health care would make us into a Socialist Nation, this simply is not true.

Comment [RAC12]: This is the refutative point. Notice how the opposing position is specifically outlined before it is refuted.

- A. This is an example of the Faulty Analogy fallacy, namely that just because we would be similar in one way, providing Universal Health Care to our citizens, we would be similar in all ways.
- B. Multiple *democratic* nations, including the United Kingdom (England), Germany, Japan, Taiwan and Switzerland, have Universal Health Care systems. (Frontline News)
- C. These points clearly show that a nation can have a Universal Health Care system without becoming Socialist.

Comment [RAC13]: Supporting evidence for my refutation.

Transition: In conclusion let's review,

Conclusion

Comment [RAC14]: Explicit identification of the third element of the Basic Speech Structure.

- I. Today I have told you how:
 - A. The Government has an ethical obligation to provide health care for its citizens, which it has failed to do for 25 years.
 - B. It is easily affordable to institute such a program.
 - C. Providing UHC would not turn us into a socialist state.
- II. Because of these arguments I hope that you can see that the United States should provide Universal Health Care for its citizens.
- III. Finally I want you to remember Little Suzie, and realize that she could be anyone of you.

Comment [RAC15]: Review of main points. This could be a single complex sentence, I organized it as separate sentences so that I remembered not to rush through it and to separately impact each point.

Comment [RAC16]: Review of my TS, both of my topic and my stance on the topic. Notice how I specifically outline what I want the audience to do.

Comment [RAC17]: Final Thought reminding the audience of the AG. Remember, this is not required of you, but you are welcome to try it as it does make the speech more powerful.

Refutative Strategy

Comment [RAC18]: Explicit identification of the next element required in the written work.

I chose to use the refutative strategy of Denial. One of the most common refrains from opponents of Universal Health Care is the argument that to provide healthcare to everyone would be the equivalent to becoming Socialist or Communist. This argument is simply not true. I showed this by providing evidence that there are numerous Capitalistic Democratic countries that have some form of Universal Healthcare. I also identified the False Analogy Fallacy. While Socialist countries do provide Universal Healthcare, it is incorrect to assume that any country that does is socialist. This was also shown using the same evidence about Democratic Capitalist countries having Universal Healthcare.

Comment [RAC19]: This is my refutative strategy paragraph. I specifically identify which Refutative Techniques I use, why I chose them and how I utilized them.

Syllogism

Comment [RAC20]: Explicit identification of the next element required in the written work.

Hypothetical

MP: If our government has a moral obligation they should fulfil it.

Antecedent

Consequent

mP: Our government has a moral obligation to provide Universal Healthcare.

Affirming the Antecedent

C: Our government should fulfill their obligation to provide Universal Healthcare.

Affirming the Consequent

Comment [RAC21]: Identification of the type of syllogism I was using.

Comment [RAC22]: Properly structured syllogism with all the required labels and identification.

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Comment [RAC23]: Full and complete MLA Works Cited Page.

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