

Comparing and Contrasting Rhetorical Analysis Essay

How you raise a child is how they will grow up to be. Many American parents grew up with this saying and they believe it is the truth. Examples are the authors Felix Carroll who wrote the article "No Escape from Helicopter Parents" and Ava Guterrez who wrote the article "let's ban the cell phone ban". In his article, Felix argues that helicopter parenting while it may be out of parental love, it may lead to parents raising irresponsible children. Guterrez on the other hand argues that there is no need to ban cell phones in schools, and instead teachers should give students the opportunity to take responsibility for their own education. Felix and Guterrez begin building their credibility by using personal facts, citing convincing facts, and employing emotional appeal. Felix sets the stage by explaining to baby boomers that they are helicopter parents and questioning if they understand that. Felix continues by discussing the reasons why parents are over managing their children and why these children should be given the independence to make their own decisions. Guterrez on the other hand sets the stage by describing his own scenario where he was commanded by the professor to check his cell phone at the door. He makes it clear that it is not right for teachers to be commanders while students have to follow the rules laid down.

Whereas Felix Carroll uses sources to prove his points, Ava Guterrez uses his first-hand experience to prove and assure the audience that his points are credible. Throughout his article, Felix makes use of a lot of powerful sources that make his credibility strong and appeal to ethos, while building on his perspective. Some of the sources used by Felix include a pediatric professor from the University of North Carolina, a Duke University Sociologist, a dean of first year students from Colgate University, and "60 minutes" report. Citing these sources boosts the credibility of Felix, showing that he has done his homework well and provided facts only supported by expert opinions. However, his counterpart Guterrez only provides his opinions throughout his article, and provides personal examples to introduce and support his main issue of concern. This makes it clear that Guterrez has a personal stake in the issue including a first-hand experience with cell phones being banned in schools.

Both authors use strong appeals to logos with a lot of factual and logical progression of points. They point out that we are guiding children to take and follow instructions, leaving them no room to make their own decisions and take their own responsibility. For instance, Felix says "you give them a trophy at the end of the season even when they lose". This fact supports the idea that children are being overly protected because giving a child who has lost a trophy will not push them to take responsibility for their failure. Similarly, Guterrez says "the fact that this cell phone ban leaves no room for commonsense compromise is what makes it so troubling". This fact is one of the many that provide logic to his claim that it is a big and serious problem that children are not given the chance to take responsibility in things that concern them.

In addition to strong logos appeal, Guterrez ensures appeal to Pathos at the beginning of his article. His beginning is fully of emotionally charged words and phrases that make the audience sympathize with and question the situation. He says "the first time I encountered this

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Your thesis is great! However, it should be at the end of your introduction!

Consider using "prove" instead of "prover"!

Remember to include in-text citations when you quote a line from a source. Here is the format for MLA in-text citations: (Author's last name or first 2-3 words of title, page or paragraph number). If there is no page number, you should use the paragraph number and it will look something like this: (Smith par 3).

You do not need "a"!

Pathos is not a proper noun so it doesn't need to be capitalized.

rule I was confused. Hand in my cell phone? Why?" This image evokes the emotions of the challenge and vulnerability of having to hand in your cell phone without your consent, as well as the feeling of being commanded. Similarly, Felix evokes emotions when he says "children are being coddled and protected to a degree that threatens their ability later in life". His goal is to make the parents who are his audience feel and consider the lives of their children in the future when they are grown ups who have to make their own decisions in areas such as workplaces. His phrases like "hover", "obsessed", and "renaissance kids" bring out negative emotions about being overly protective of children.

Transitions can help the flow of your paper. Transitions typically go at the beginning of a paragraph or before you introduce a new point. Here are a few examples: "First, second, third," "in addition to," "furthermore," "moreover," "in conclusion," "overall," "finally," "next," etc.

Conclusion

Both Felix and Giterrez end their arguments by providing solutions on how parents and teachers should engage children in issues that concern them. Felix feels that parents should speak reality to their children and this will be enough to help them make their own decisions. Giterrez feels that instructors should have a conversation with students and agree on proper modes of accessing their cell phones. Generally, both authors believe that there is need to give students a chance and independence to decide for themselves and take responsibility accordingly. They provide strong facts to support ethos, logos, and pathos and this gives their arguments credibility. However, their points could have been even more credible if the authors had employed statistical evidence. Statistics could have provided more logical support and prove of the author's main arguments.

Works Cited

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