

Find the premises and conclusion in the following paragraphs. The type of Syllogism or Enthymeme is already provided for you.

Basic

The United States Government needs to legalize homosexual marriage. Homosexuals are Americans to the same degree heterosexuals are; they work, play, pay taxes, eat out, and watch television the same as everyone. As people we should focus on similarities and not differences: what people do in the privacy of their houses is neither my business nor my concern. In public, homosexual sex is as rare as heterosexual sex so why withhold basic civil liberties? Heterosexuals are allowed to get married and receive all the legal, monetary, and medical benefits of a marriage. Let's legalize homosexual marriage.

Major Premise:

Minor Premise:

Conclusion:

Disjunctive

Why doesn't the United States Government increase funding for stem cell research and help make this research a reality? Many people suffer on a daily basis from diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and numerous spinal cord disorders that could be cured with stem cell research. Either the government funds this research or these diseases will continue to negatively impact the quality of life for the inflicted individuals. However, President Bush was unwillingly to fund such research and severely restricted what kinds of cells scientists can even study. People are still suffering from terrible diseases that could be prevented!

Major Premise:

Minor Premise:

Conclusion:

Hypothetical

Meet Graham Cansdale, a man who without a doubt can be considered a hyperpolyglot. What is a hyperpolyglot you ask? The term has to do with audible language acquisition. Graham Cansdale, a translator for the European Commission, located in Brussels, can fluently speak 14 different languages, which he uses on a regular basis. When a person speaks two languages, that person is known as bilingual. A person speaking three or four languages can be called multilingual. However, when a single person speaks a large number of languages, ten or more, that person is called a hyperpolyglot.

Major Premise:

Minor Premise:

Conclusion:

Basic

Many people criticize Wal-Mart for providing poor benefits and conditions for its workers and purposely lowering prices to drive competing companies out of business, but another criticism also needs to be addressed: Wal-Mart supports hiring undocumented workers who have entered the United States illegally. Because of this, people need to protest Wal-Mart by boycotting their stores. Supporting undocumented workers only adds to the problem of illegal immigration. With an economic recession and a lack of jobs, the last thing United States citizens need is to be competing with illegal immigrants. These workers aren't bad people, but Wal-Mart has an obligation to follow the law and hire legal United States citizens. On October 23, 2003, federal agents raided 61 Wal-Mart stores in 21 U.S. states in a crackdown known as "Operation Rollback," resulting in the arrests of 250 nightshift janitors who were undocumented. Following the arrests, a grand jury convened to "consider charging Wal-Mart executives with labor racketeering crimes for knowingly allowing illegal immigrants to work at their stores". The workers themselves were employed by agencies Wal-Mart contracted for cleaning services. Wal-Mart blamed the contractors, but federal investigators point to wiretapped conversations showing that executives knew some workers did not have legal documentation. The October 2003 raid was not the first time Wal-Mart was found using unauthorized workers. Earlier raids in 1998 and 2001 resulted in the arrests of 100 workers without documentation located at Wal-Mart stores around the country. This kind of action should not be tolerated, so again I say people need to protest this company by boycotting Wal-Mart stores.

Major Premise:

Minor Premise:

Conclusion:

Enthymeme

College tuition is getting too expensive and needs to be capped by the government. As inflation in the United States continues to climb, the cost of education also continues to escalate. Tuition hikes have been necessary every year for the last decade to keep up with the cost of running a college and the demand of more and more students needing a quality education. Early estimates are that tuition next year will increase by another 9% at least, and now attending college can cost anywhere from a thousand to tens of thousands of dollars a quarter! Something needs to be done soon, and capping tuition seems to be the most viable option.

Major Premise (not stated):

Minor Premise:

Conclusion: