

## **Rationale**

In my written assignment, my subject is media violence in “global issues.” I aim to appeal to the audience of the US Congress to eliminate media violence exposure among teenagers.

I use three sources. They include scientific researches explaining the increase in aggressive behavior of teenagers when they are exposed to media violence. The first is a research article that provides evidence for the harm on teenagers from media violence. The second is an article that includes powerful pictures and emotional language to be presented to my audiences. The third is a blog that concludes and reinforces the harm of media violence and provides evidence of public attention on it.

I intend to deliver a semiformal speech to legislators with the persona of Dylan Klebold's mother. Speech is a preferred choice in legislation because it is emotionally appealing and is easy to spread among the public. The formal register helps to bolster the significance of the issue. Delivering a speech to the legislators can directly drive the legislation to solve the media violence problem. The persona of a school shooter’s mother as an activist enhances the emotional appeals and adds credits to my speech.

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## **On Media Violence**

Fellow citizens,

Our children are suffering from media violence today.

Twenty years ago, on April 20, 1999, when the Columbine High School Massacre took place, the whole world burst into a complete panic. So was I. As the mother of one of the shooters, the questions pricked in my heart every second: "How could I not know? What kind of a mother am I?" (Klebold, 2016).

I have only a single answer after twenty years of research: media violence. Imagine a young boy sitting in front of the TV, shooting his toy gun to the antagonist on the screen. (n.a., n.d.). Who knows whether he will hold his weapon and fire in a public place ten years later? More dangerously, the ubiquitous media had filled every screen, that even if I removed my TV, children could still see it on the road. Should we ignore such a critical problem, our land will be filled with violence, terrorism, and wars in the dozen years to come.

The research from Ohio State University states that "the video game players are actively involved in the violent story, identified with the violence character, and afterward rewarded by violent behavior." (n.a., 2018). Could you imagine our beloved children becoming murderous strangers when they grow up? Media violence is such a necessitous, dangerous, and serious challenge that our society faces, and the duty to solve it inevitably lands on our generation.

Fortunately, people are starting to take actions, posting blogs introducing the effect of media violence and leading the public to solve this challenge. Russell Webster, an excellent blog writer, presented the research, findings, current responses and his recommendation in his blog. (Webster, 2017). I firmly believe that with such scientifically solid and emotionally persuasive blogs, this obstacle of our human race shall be overcome, and the future of our country shall be bright and prosper.

Today I am taking a step to solve the problem of media violence. Only we start to act immediately and effectively, and only our people unite can media violence be restricted and we the human beings survive in the future. However, I believe we, as a union, can succeed.

Thank you for listening tonight.

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