

## Analyze an Argument

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"Over the past two years, the number of shoppers in Central Plaza has been steadily decreasing while the popularity of skateboarding has increased dramatically. Many Central Plaza store owners believe that the decrease in their business is due to the number of skateboard users in the plaza. There has also been a dramatic increase in the amount of litter and vandalism throughout the plaza. Thus, we recommend that the city prohibit skateboarding in Central Plaza. If skateboarding is prohibited here, we predict that business in Central Plaza will return to its previously high levels."

Write a response in which you discuss what questions would need to be answered in order to decide whether the recommendation is likely to have the predicted result. Be sure to explain how the answers to these questions would help to evaluate the recommendation.

Witnessing the increase of the popularity of skateboarding **simultaneously** with decrease the number of shoppers in Central Plaza and establishing correlation between dramatic increase in the amount of litter and vandalism with skateboarding community author comes to recommendation that skateboarding should be prohibited so as to improve the business in Central Plaza. The author's statements has some drawbacks, author failed to render strong evidence for the argument, author didn't mention did the average salary decrease over the past two years, and last but not least are there any new competitive stores of the neighborhood of Central Plaza stores.

The first condition is that the author brings weak evidence to prove his argument while belief of store owners is not enough to convince the readers without additional information. The author could use the survey method and gather data from store owners about their observations, and give readers statistics diagrams about coherency between decrease of shoppers and increase of skateboarders and also between increase of skateboarders and increase of litter and vandalism. Increasing the percentage of litter and vandalism throughout the plaza has several main reasons that should be taken into consideration, for example lacking of police station is one of them. The author could clarify why there are correlation between increasing the rate of crimes and the number of skateboarding users.

The second condition that needs verification is the economical situation in which shoppers was during past two years. The author could investigate average salaries of people who live around central plaza and inflation impact on number of customers in Central Plaza. The author should also mentioned if the price of these products increase

drastically during the past two years. Price is the major concern for customers, even a nuance may result in great behavior.

The third condition that needs verification states that the author fails to offer data regarding new stores which were opened during the past two years around Central Plaza. Perhaps a large shopping mall opened two years ago providing all kinds of products with smaller prices. Maybe the number of customers is not large enough for both shopping malls so they decide where to go based on location. It is hasty to arrive at the conclusion without taking these exterior factors into account.

In the first case I would require from the author stronger evidence for his claim such as using certain statistical methods to present readers how an increase of skateboarders has impacted on the decrease of shoppers. In the second place I would take into consideration the salaries of customers and the price of the product. In the third case I would check if there are any new stores in the neighborhood of Central Plaza.

## Analyze an Issue

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Educational institutions have a responsibility to dissuade students from pursuing fields of study in which they are unlikely to succeed.

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim. In developing and supporting your position, be sure to address the most compelling reasons and/or examples that could be used to challenge your position.

Educational institutions have an obligation to give advice to candidates on their lack of knowledge in specific fields, and perhaps give them advice on how to be more successful academically. On the other hand, I disagree that the responsibility of educational institutions is to dissuade students from pursuing fields of study or weigh their opinion of character on some scale of success so I will not make my final conclusion before the next three conditions are verified.

The first condition that needs verification is a concept of success which has different meanings from person to person. For example, some people measure success on how far they come from the beginning of their journey. So how can educational institutions tell which students are unlikely to succeed when they can't tell what is success from

perception of students. Institutions need to talk to students and advise them what area they need to improve so they can accomplish their goals.

The second condition that need verification states that if a student is dissuaded they may never make an effort to ever try doing something they are not good at it which will lead to deep impact in their all round development. If a person succeed in something in which didn't have talent, satisfaction and pleasure is bigger. Wise man said that persistence and stubbornness are main personal qualities for success. Institutions need to encourage students to develop these qualities.

The third condition that need verification states that no matter how knowledgeable a person is they do not have right to judge anyone. Many great scientists has not shown a lot of expectations while they studied and that didn't prevent them to elevate to greatness and accomplish great results. The basic example is Albert Einstein who was not a good student but become one of the greatest scientist of all time. Educational institutions need to tell students about this examples and not to dissuade them from pursuing their dreams.

Educational institutions are there to provides best knowledge for students and give advice which approach they should take to gain that knowledge but not to dissuade students from pursuing fields of study in which they are unlikely to succeed. I will not make my final decision until the validity of the previous assumptions is verified.