

Should Euthanasia be Legalized?
Graphic Organizer For Debate Preparation

First argument on why euthanasia should (or should not) be legalized:	
What facts or evidence support this argument?	Why is this point important?
Second argument on why euthanasia should (or should not) be legalized:	
What facts or evidence support this point?	Why is this point important?
Third argument on why euthanasia should (or should not) be legalized:	
What facts or evidence support this point?	Why is this point important?

Euthanasia: Rebuttals

Looking at the Kialo discussion, what arguments do you think the other side might make? How can you counter those arguments to give a **rebuttal**? Think about these techniques for rebuttals:

- **Simple disagreement** (“The other side has argued that euthanasia devalues life, we do not think that it does, because...”).
- **Argue with facts** (“The other side has argued that euthanasia will end a patient’s suffering, but this will not be the case in many circumstances, such as...”).
- **Argue about importance** (“The other side has argued that religions oppose euthanasia, but religion should bear no importance in determining public policy or people’s rights”).
- **Argue that one point does not prove the other side’s whole case** (“Just because some terminal patients feel like their life is not worth living anymore, that they are right”).

Before debate day: Think about three arguments the other team might make and prepare some possible rebuttals.

Possible argument from opposing team	Rebuttal(s)
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On debate day: Take notes on the other team’s main arguments and think of rebuttals. You can use the back of this sheet.

Notes on opposing team’s first main argument	Rebuttal(s)
Notes on opposing team’s second main argument	Rebuttal(s)
Notes on opposing team’s third main argument	Rebuttal(s)