

Persuasive speech

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General Goal: Persuade

Specific goal: To persuade people to believe that vaccines are safe and that there is not reason to be afraid of getting vaccinated.

Introduction:

Good afternoon, everyone. Today, I want to talk about a topic that has been around for a long time: vaccines. Vaccines have been used for over two centuries to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, and they have been one of the most effective public health interventions in history. Vaccines have played a critical role in eradicating deadly diseases such as smallpox and have reduced the incidence of many other diseases like polio, measles, and influenza.

Vaccines work by stimulating the immune system to produce antibodies that can recognize and destroy disease-causing pathogens. The immune system can then remember how to fight off the disease in the future, providing immunity against it (WHO). Thanks to advances in science and technology, the production and safety of vaccines have improved significantly over the years.

Body:

Despite the clear benefits of vaccines, there are still some people who doubt their safety and efficacy. This is a dangerous and misguided belief that can have serious consequences for individuals and society as a whole. When people refuse to get vaccinated, they put themselves and others at risk of getting sick and spreading the disease. This is especially true for vulnerable populations, such as young children, the elderly, and people with weakened immune systems.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), vaccines have prevented an estimated 2.5 million deaths in the United States alone since 1990. Vaccines have also reduced the incidence of many infectious diseases, saving billions of dollars in healthcare costs. For example, the measles vaccine has prevented an estimated 200 million cases of measles and saved 4.5 million lives worldwide since its introduction in 1963.

The safety of vaccines has been extensively studied and documented. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires rigorous testing before approving vaccines for use, and the CDC continually monitors the safety and effectiveness of vaccines. Adverse reactions to vaccines are rare, and the benefits of vaccination far outweigh the risks. The most common side effects of vaccines are mild and short-lived, such as soreness at the injection site, a mild fever, or a headache.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, vaccines have been around for a long time and have proven to be one of the most effective public health interventions in history. The safety and efficacy of vaccines have been extensively studied and documented, and they have prevented millions of deaths and

saved billions of dollars in healthcare costs. It is crucial that we all get vaccinated to protect ourselves and our communities from preventable diseases. Thank you.

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