

**Should Euthanasia be Legalized?**  
*Graphic Organizer For Debate Preparation*

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

**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, but 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 have 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 doesn’t mean euthanasia is ethical.”

*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)