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Sample Response Essay

The Case for More Cops

In this article the Case for More Cops, the writer Mortimer B. Zuckerman says that by having more cops and soldiers, the country will be safer. We all know that criminals and murderers are spread nowadays in all the world. Many people commit their crimes without having any punishment, and when we ask “why”, we realize that the number of soldiers and cops that are responsible for providing security is not enough. In order to have a safer society, we must have additional police and soldiers that provide real protection.

In the article, “The Case for More Cops”, Zuckerman says that crimes are committed without punishments in America. He mentions that the number of cops and soldiers is not enough in order to defend the country. Zuckerman refers to statistics and facts to prove the difference between two generations ago, and nowadays. He considers that the solution of this problem is to provide more cops and soldiers, so that the country will be safer. (Zuckerman, 1997, p.25)

First of all, I reacted strongly to Zuckerman’s point of view that by having additional police and soldiers we could have a safer society and country. “To this, we must add at least the 100,000 police called for in the Senate version of the crime bill before Congress, rather than the 50,000 in the House version.”(Zuckerman, 1997, p.25). The writer says that crimes are committed in America, and most of the criminals don’t have a serious punishment due to the small number of cops. He considers that his society is at war; the enemy is the criminal, and the solution is to provide more soldiers to defend the country. “We are at war today. The enemy is the criminal. Were we to be invaded by a foreign enemy this lethal, we would not be debating if we could afford the soldiers and weapons to defend ourselves.” (Zuckerman, 1997, p.25).

On the other hand, I can talk about a personal experience that concerns my country. We all know that Lebanon is facing a very harmful war, and thanks to the military and soldiers, our land is somehow defended. In spite of all the hard work of the military members, our country is in danger. In my opinion, increasing the number of soldiers can help in facing the enemy. If we have additional police and soldiers, criminals will be punished, everyday bombs will be prevented, and real security and protection will be provided.

All in all, our world is in danger, Many criminals commit their crimes and are not punished. Nobody except soldiers and cops are the source of security. This is why by having additional police and soldiers we could have a safer society and country.

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