

SA2045 Creative Writing-Original Monologue

Topic: Does competition drive our world to a better place?

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Every four years, the whole world puts their fullest attention on their TV screens to watch what place their country will take for the Olympics. The Olympics is a leading international sporting event featuring winter and summer sports competitions in which thousands of athletes from all around the world participate in a variety of sports. However, why do people care so much about the Olympics? Is it solely based on their interest in sports? If the Olympics didn't give out medals and got rid of the aspects of competitiveness, would people still watch it? In fact, our world is structured around the idea of competition, not only in sports, but also in academics, jobs, and even in social media. Everything seems to be a competition.

Therefore, it is crucial to address the question of whether the idea of competition drives our world to a better place.

My speech will have three parts. First, I will define why people become competitive. Additionally, we will talk about the negative things about competition. Finally, we will talk about the benefits of competition.

First body paragraph:

To start, the term 'competitive sports' may seem like an obvious combination, even redundant. Well, not really, as not all sports are competitive. While a sport is an activity involving physical effort and skills, competitive sports also include the element of individuals or teams competing against one another, sometimes for a reward or simply for the enjoyment of playing.

Competitiveness is really a measure of a person's desire to outperform others. It is hypothesized that people motivated by competition are motivated for at least three reasons. Competition satisfies the desire to win.

Competition provides an opportunity or reason to improve our skills.

Competition motivates us to put more effort into achieving good results.

Competition also exists in other areas, such as academics. In Asia, there are a lot of schools where the results for the test are posted in the hallway, so that everyone can see the results. That way students will be more motivated, and work harder to show that they are smart. However,. according to an article in The Atlantic by Matthew Huston, "In a survey of faculty, students, and staff at the Harvard School of Public Health, nearly half of the respondents said they'd prefer to live in a world where the average salary was \$25,000 and they earned \$50,000 than one where they earned \$100,000 but the average was \$200,000." This shows that people care more about where they stand on

the competitive scale of salaries rather than the actual amount that they earn.

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Second body paragraph:

In addition, there are some negative things about competition. For example,

competitive sports increase risk of injury. "According to Science Daily,

competitive success that leads to extra hours of training and practice

increases the risk of burnout and overuse injuries. One study concluded that

overuse injuries account for 50 percent of all reported sports injuries. The

risk of injuries during competition may also rise. The intensity of competitive

games can lead players to disregard rules, increasing opportunities for torn

ligaments, muscle aches and other injuries." Negatives about competition also

exist for academics. Some students feel so much pressure to succeed that

they put everything else on hold. According to Marice Huggins, "students

might give up extracurricular activities, sports, musical interests, drama or

community events to focus solely on academic challenges. Some schools

make matters worse by limiting social activities and reducing programs in the

arts to make more room for competitive academic courses." Competition can

be negative when it leads to unbalanced living or forces students to give up

their other interests. Likewise competitive jobs are going to cause more

stress, and cause worse performance, not better.

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3rd Body Paragraph:

However, there are benefits of competition. For example, competitive sports give people important lessons in life, such as asking for help, making tactical changes, and transformations when we need to. It is also very important to us and how we can make a great comeback. Thus, competitive sports are very important to us because they teach us different aspects of life. Academic competition is advantageous when it challenges students to work harder on their studies and helps them get excited about academic content. According to education professors Thomas Good and Jere Brophy in their book "Looking in Classrooms," team-centered competitive activities often benefit students as long as they all have a chance to win. Jobs also have competitive benefits. For example, people are competing with others for their payments, so people who have worked harder will get more pay and that's one of the reasons why people are working hard. According to Indeed, a competitive pay rate can influence an employee's overall job satisfaction. Workers that feel they're being paid fairly are more likely to stay motivated and go the extra mile to help your company achieve its goals.

We are back to our main question, does competition drive our world into a better place? First, we defined why people become competitive. Second, we talked about the negative things about competition. Finally, we talked about

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the benefits of competition. As the Olympics are always just around the corner, we need to remember that the Olympics is a competitive sport, so while we watch the Olympics we will see what's different with competitive sports and noncompetitive sports.

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