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**CLAIM:** What is the author's claim or position in the article?

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**REASON:** What reason(s) does the author include to support their claim?

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**EVIDENCE:** What evidence does the author provide to support their claim and reasons?

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**REASONING:** Explain how the author connects the evidence back to their claim.

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**COUNTERARGUMENT:** Does the author include a counterargument? What is it?

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**NOTES:**

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