

# Begging should be banned



With the economy getting as low as it is, and people losing their jobs, some people have turned to begging in order to make enough. However, they are not the only ones doing this, some pretend to be poor in order to make a specific amount of money each day for doing otherwise nothing. So, as in the case of many countries, should we ban it?

Points For	Points Against
Many people are getting money and they are not even poor. Many people pretending to be beggars do so in order to get money for not even doing anything.	The government should have no say in what is allowed. If someone asks for money, and someone else wants to give them money, for whatever reason, that is between them
Many beggars take that money and use it to buy drugs or alcohol. By giving money to a beggar, you don't know where it is going, and may go to help their addiction, putting them further in the hole.	Many poor people have no other choice. Since many poor and homeless people can't get a reasonable job, or even a job at all, begging is the only thing they are able to do in order to survive.
If you really want to help to poor, then work to find them a job. Giving them money, or allowing them to beg for money to make a living means that they will never really find a job and get themselves out of the hole that they are in. Giving money to a poor or homeless person is like putting a band-aid on an open wound.	Begging is a victimless crime. Arresting, imprisoning, and punishing people who are simply asking for money seems immoral at best, and cruel and unusual at worst. We need to find ways to help people who are begging for a living, but banning it is not one of those ways.

# Useful language to use in formal debates



In general, you would need to come up with 4-5 main arguments to support your team's debating position. It's also important to remember to also anticipate the opposition's arguments to help you defend your team's point of view.

## **Building your Argument**

Introducing your point: To begin with... First of all...

Connecting your points: Also... Furthermore... What's more...

Showing importance: More importantly... What's worse... Above all else...

Giving examples: For instance... For example...

## **Opinions, Preferences:**

In my opinion..., The way I see it..., As far as I'm concerned..., If it were up to me..., I suppose..., I suspect that..., I'm pretty sure that..., I honestly feel that, Without a doubt...,

## **Disagreeing:**

Don't you think it would be better..., Shouldn't we consider..., But what about..., I'm afraid I don't agree..., Frankly, I doubt if..., The truth of the matter is..., The problem with your point of view is that..., It's a fact that..., According to ..., The reality of the situation is..., The numbers show that..., The fact is this:...,

## **Partially agreeing:**

I agree with you to a point however..., I see where you are coming from but..., I see what you are saying but ...,

## **Delaying Strategies**

I can't answer that directly..., I'll need time to think about that..., That's a very interesting question, because..., That's a difficult question to answer,

## **Asking someone to repeat**

Pardon me? Pardon? Excuse me? Sorry? I'm sorry? I beg your pardon?

## **Holding the floor**

Hold on..., Hold on a second..., Yes, I was about to mention that...., Well, I was about to come to that..., Sorry, I haven't finished yet ., I haven't made my point yet ...

## **Expressing solutions and alternatives**

The solution is to..., Then you will..., The best way to ... is ..., To ..., you really have to ..., There are many choices....,

# Supplementary materials



If needed, each member can be given a card indicating their position in the debate.

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