

Introduction:

- In this paper I will argue that war is justifiable under certain circumstances, as it serves a purpose.
- Briefly introduce the topic of war and its controversial nature.
- Mention that while war is often seen as a negative idea, there are certain circumstances where it can be justified.

First argument:

- Discuss the concept of self-defense and how countries have the right to defend themselves against aggression.
- Provide examples of historical events where war was necessary for self-preservation.

Objection to argument:

- Acknowledge the concern that self-defense can sometimes be used as a gateway for aggression.
- Some argue that there are other options to solve conflict other than war.

Response to argument:

- Explain the criteria for determining when self-defense is justified, such as immediate threat and population danger.
- Emphasize the need for international laws and norms to regulate the use of force in self-defense situations

Second argument:

- Protection of populations and other friended countries.
- Intervening on cases of genocide or enslavement.

Objection to argument:

- Others say that intervening in conflicts can lead to further violence and unnecessary war.
- Bigger war and better off to let it handle itself.

Response to argument:

- While there are risks involved in intervention, failing to do so would be morally unjustifiable.
- Bring up having a bigger military than most and can finish war faster.

Third argument:

- If we don't go to war when we need to and are in danger, rivals will think they can overthrow us easily.
- We need to protect people before the bad happens; better safe than sorry.

Objection to argument:

- Explain the number of people lost in war.
- Families losing loved ones, including on the rival side.

Response to argument:

- Argue that while military power should be a last resort, it can sometimes be necessary to protect human rights and promote quality of life.
- If we are threatened with being enslaved, it would morally be better for the military to protect us and fight for a week than be enslaved for years.
- The good outweighs the bad.

Conclusion:

- Restate argument points and thesis.