

Concussions, Abortions, and Counterexamples

Small Group Work

Grade Type: Homework

Due Date: Thursday, September 26th

Instructions: Separate into groups (preferably pairs; if you'd like to work on your own or in a group of three or more, let me know). Using your iPad, import this document into Goodnotes. In your groups, come up with Modus Tollens counterexample arguments against your selected conclusion (the one you disagree with) out of the pairs presented below. In your answer, write out your full argument. Each member of the group must submit a PDF of the completed homework to Archie. This is a **homework completion grade** (however: note that your counterexample arguments must make sense to get credit).

Group Member Names:

Conclusion Pairs:

1. Using Modus Tollens, argue against ONE of the following statements:
 - a. It is safe for Tua to continue to play football
 - b. It is not safe for Tua to continue to play football
2. Using Modus Tollens, argue against ONE of the following statements:
 - a. It is safe for anyone to play football
 - b. It is not safe for anyone to play football
3. Using Modus Tollens, argue against ONE of the following statements:
 - a. Tua should be allowed to play football if he wants to
 - b. Tua should not be allowed to play football if he wants to
4. Using Modus Tollens, argue against ONE of the following statements:
 - a. Tua should follow advice you give him even if he disagrees
 - b. Tua should not follow advice you give him even if he disagrees
5. Using Modus Tollens, argue against ONE of the following statements:
 - a. Adults should always be allowed to do what matters to them
 - b. Adults should not always be allowed to do what matters to them
6. Using Modus Tollens, argue against ONE of the following statements:
 - a. When it comes to their decision to risk their life, football players and soldiers should be treated the same
 - b. When it comes to their decision to risk their life, football players and soldiers should be treated differently

(TURN OVER FOR REMAINING CONCLUSION PAIRS)

7. Using Modus Tollens, argue against ONE of the following statements:
 - a. When it comes to their decision with what to do with their bodies, potential mothers and Tua should be treated the same
 - b. When it comes to their decision with what to do with their bodies, potential mothers and Tua should be treated differently
8. Using Modus Tollens, argue against ONE of the following statements:
 - a. The government and our employer should have a similar amount of power to control our lives against our will
 - b. The government and our employer should have a different amount of power to control our lives against our will
9. Using Modus Tollens, argue against ONE of the following statements:
 - a. Potential mothers should follow our advice about abortion/pregnancy even if they disagree
 - b. Potential mothers should not follow our advice about abortion/pregnancy even if they disagree
10. Using Modus Tollens, argue against ONE of the following statements:
 - a. Potential mothers should be allowed (in certain circumstances) to get an abortion if they want to
 - b. Potential mothers should not be allowed (in any circumstances) to get an abortion if they want to
11. Using Modus Tollens, argue against ONE of the following statements:
 - a. It is sometimes morally permissible to do things that are unsafe for ourselves or others
 - b. It is never morally permissible to do things that are unsafe for ourselves or others
12. Using Modus Tollens, argue against ONE of the following statements:
 - a. Having control over your own life is more important for well-being than doing the morally right things
 - b. Doing the morally right things during your life is more important for well-being than having control over it
13. Using Modus Tollens, argue against ONE of the following statements:
 - a. Choosing to hurt yourself is just as morally wrong as choosing to hurt someone else
 - b. Choosing to hurt yourself is not as morally wrong as choosing to hurt someone else

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Answers (Write the question number you are answering, and the full Modus Tollens counterexample argument. If you think that your argument needs to be explained for it to make sense, include an explanation):

