**Should Euthanasia be Legalized?**

*Graphic Organizer For Debate Preparation*

| **First argument on why euthanasia should (or should not) be legalized:** |
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| **What facts or evidence support this argument?** | **Why is this point important?** |
| **Second argument on why euthanasia should (or should not) be legalized:** |
| **What facts or evidence support this point?** | **Why is this point important?** |
| **Third argument on why euthanasia should (or should not) be legalized:** |
| **What facts or evidence support this point?** | **Why is this point important?** |

***Euthanasia: Rebuttals***

Looking at the Kialo discussion, what arguments do you think the other side might make? How can you counter those arguments to give a ***rebuttal***? Think about these techniques for rebuttals:

* **Simple disagreement:** “The other side has argued that euthanasia devalues life, but we do not think that it does because…”
* **Argue with facts:** “The other side has argued that euthanasia will end a patient’s suffering, but this will not be the case in many circumstances, such as...”
* **Argue about importance:** “The other side has argued that religions oppose euthanasia, but religion should have no importance in determining public policy or people’s rights.”
* **Argue that one point does not prove the other side’s whole case:** “Just because some terminal patients feel like their life is not worth living anymore, that doesn’t mean euthanasia is ethical.”

*Before debate day: Think about three arguments the other team might make and prepare some possible rebuttals.*

| **Possible argument from opposing team** | **Rebuttal(s)** |
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*On debate day: Take notes on the other team’s main arguments and think of rebuttals. You can use the back of this sheet.*

| **Notes on opposing team’s first main argument** | **Rebuttal(s)** |
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| **Notes on opposing team’s second main argument** | **Rebuttal(s)** |
| **Notes on opposing team’s third main argument** | **Rebuttal(s)** |