

Persuasive Essay Topic	Sample Persuasive Thesis Statement
Is a college education necessary?	A college education is not the right choice for everyone, as many students graduate with a large amount of student debt and limited job opportunities.
Does Facebook (or other forms of social media) create isolation?	College students who overuse Facebook may have interactive online lives, but in reality, they are more isolated than ever because they are missing out on true face-to-face interaction with their peers.
Should guns be permitted on college campuses?	Guns should not be permitted on college campuses due to the increased likelihood of violence and criminal activity.
Do kids benefit if everyone on the team receives a trophy?	Handing out trophies to everyone on a team has created a generation of children who feel entitled.
Is society too dependent on technology?	Due to increasing over-dependence on technology, many people struggle to think for themselves.
Should all high school students be required to complete parenting classes?	In order to both educate teens about life as a parent and to help prevent teenage pregnancy, high school students should be required to complete parenting classes.
Does the school day start too early?	Starting the school day at a later time will help increase students' attentiveness because they will get more sleep and be more alert and focused in class.
Should the minimum wage be increased?	With the cost of living continually rising, minimum wage must be raised to help workers out of poverty.
Should elementary schools teach cursive handwriting?	Though many elementary schools no longer teach cursive handwriting, it is still an essential form of communication that should be taught in schools.
Should childhood vaccinations be mandatory?	Childhood vaccinations should be mandatory, as they are safe, reduce the risk of illness, and protect other people from contagious diseases.
Are security cameras an invasion of privacy?	Though security cameras are necessary and a valued part of society, strict regulations need to be mandated in order to maintain citizens' rights to privacy.
Should citizens be allowed to keep exotic pets?	People should not be allowed to keep exotic pets, as it is unhealthy for the animal, dangerous for the owner, and dangerous for the community.
Should a relaxed dress code be allowed in the workplace?	A relaxed dress code is not appropriate in many business offices because it creates a relaxed and casual atmosphere which may cause customers to lose confidence in the business.
Is it ethical to sentence juveniles as adults?	Adolescents' brains are not fully developed, and they are not yet capable of making adult decisions; thus, adolescents should not be sentenced as adults.
Should corporations be allowed to advertise in schools?	Advertising should not be allowed in public schools as it perpetuates a perceived importance on materialism.
Should public transportation be free for all residents of a city?	Free public transportation is a key step in reducing unemployment rates.
Is professional football too dangerous for players?	Due to recent discoveries about chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), rules of professional football need to change in order to protect players' health.
Should minors be allowed to get tattoos (if they have parental permission)?	Even with parental permission, minors should not be allowed to get tattoos, as minors are likely to regret the choice as adults.
Should fracking be banned?	Due to the environmental damage it causes, fracking should be banned.
Should a college education be free for everyone?	Though some argue that a free college education will increase graduation rates, in actuality, free tuition will have little impact on the present rates of graduation.
Should all violence be banned from children's programming?	Evidence indicates that children mimic and internalize television programming, and because viewing violence can affect their emotional health, children's programming should not contain any form of violence.
Should the paparazzi be required to give celebrities some amount of privacy?	Though the paparazzi should be allowed to photograph celebrities in public places, they should respect the right of celebrities not to be filmed on private property.
Does the U.S. welfare system need to be reformed?	Due to the rampant abuse of welfare benefits by recipients, welfare needs to be reformed to create temporary, rather than permanent, assistance programs for those in need.

Should bilingual education be implemented in more schools across the U.S.?	In order to help children learn English, yet value their native languages, bilingual education should be implemented in schools across the United States.
Should students be required to volunteer in their communities in order to graduate from high school?	Though some students claim they don't have time to volunteer, being a volunteer teaches students compassion, empathy, and the importance of civic engagement and should be required for high school graduation.
Is the fast food industry to blame for childhood obesity?	Though fast food is often high in calories and low in nutritional content, people cannot blame obesity on the fast food industry; individuals must be responsible for their own diets.
Can schools prevent cyber bullying?	Even though schools can educate children and regulate technology within the school, children and teens have access to technology outside of the classroom, making it almost impossible for the education system to truly stop cyber bullying.
Is an online education as good as a traditional education?	An online education is just as valuable as a traditional education, as online courses include the same content as traditional classes and have the added advantage of teaching students the importance of time management.
Should stem cell research be permitted?	Because of the enormous potential to both treat disease and save lives, embryonic stem cell research should not only be permitted, but should also receive additional funding.
Should pet stores be required to sell rescue animals?	In order to stop the inhumane practices of breeders and reduce overcrowding in animal shelters, pet stores should be required to sell cats and dogs from adoption centers or shelters.