

# BR: D12

Pick one of the following arguments, take 10 minutes, and attempt to disprove it:

Pro-Life:

*“Abortion is murder! It is a selfish, evil act that only serves the interest of the mother.”*

Pro-Choice:

*“Abortion is empowering to women; it allows them to ‘walk-away’ from a situation that they want nothing of, which 100 years ago would have shackled and trapped them in an unwanted future.”*

# Goals:

- ▶ *Our goals for today:*
- ▶ *Analyze how to be persuasive, especially while utilizing research. Final topic is revealed:*


## Reading:

Grab your textbook, and take 5 minutes to read the following pages (& answer the following questions as you do): pp 128-130

- ▶ *How is your assignment similar / different to the process of a research paper? Explain 3 of these:*
- ▶ *Do you agree with the author when they state: “It is best to approach your research with openness and questioning”? Explain:*
- ▶ *How long can this research process take? What lesson do you take away from this?*


## Logical Fallacy of the Day

- ▶ Nirvana / Perfect Solution Fallacy
- ▶ People make the argument that the ideal is best, and so a pragmatic “good enough” solution just doesn’t cut it.
- ▶ Form:
  - ▶ *X is what we have.*
  - ▶ *Y is the perfect situation.*
  - ▶ *Therefore, X is not good enough.*
  - ▶ EXAMPLE:




I don't trust  
GMOs because  
they are all  
about money!

What about *GMOs* like golden rice  
that are being developed entirely  
for humanitarian reasons? *Golden  
rice* is designed to provide  
vitamins to people in impoverished  
countries, not make money.



But those  
*GMOs* don't  
fix the real  
problem:  
wealth  
inequality.

First, you're shifting the goal posts. Second, are you really suggesting that we should make people in developing countries sit around and wait for us to fix the entire world's economic problems!? Economic inequality is not a problem that we can fix at any point in the near future, but vitamin deficiencies are something that we can solve. Are you sure that you aren't just trying to disguise your ideology as a rational argument?



# Research Time: Final Project!

- ▶ Get to work researching the next topic (remember to record citations via APA style)

*Yep, it's here: the Final Topic.  
And yes, it IS the immigration  
resolution.*