

Why deny felons the right to vote? The topic of disenfranchising felons has been a highly debated issue. In this ongoing debate, it is apparent that the proponents' argument is much stronger than the opponents' argument because they prove that restricting voting rights to non-violent felons is unjustifiable; it is unequal; and it takes away their freedom in society.

Firstly, the proponents' argument is stronger than the opponents' argument because they prove that restricting voting rights to non-violent felons is unjustifiable. For instance, the proponents state that "No citizen should be denied voting rights after completing their prison sentence. It creates an unjust, permanent restriction." (1) This **shows explains** that restricting a felon's voting rights after completing a prison term creates a barrier to getting their rights restored.

Secondly, the proponents have a stronger argument in favor of reinstating felons than their opponents because they prove that denying voting rights to felons is unequal. For example, the proponents claim that "While racial minorities make up approximately 30% of the U.S. population, they comprise 60% of the prison population." (2) This suggests that denying felons their voting rights, takes away their freedom of justice in society.

On the contrary, the opponents believe that denying felons **their** voting rights is reasonable. They state "A felon has shown criminal judgment, and that is a rational reason for restricting voting rights." (6) However, the proponents have a stronger argument than the opponents because they claim that "once a citizen has completed a sentence, that person's right should be reinstated. The U.S. justice system is far from perfect." (2) This indicates that a felon who has completed a full prison sentence has paid his debt to society, **and therefore, should have access to his voting rights. thereby regaining their voting rights.**

In summary, the proponents' argument to reinstate felons' voting rights is better supported than the opponent's argument. The proponents prove that **it is demoralizing to deprive depriving** felons of their voting rights. **is demoralizing**. It is also unfair to **a former ex-felons** and discourages them from becoming upstanding members of **their** community. Restricting a non-violent felon to cast a ballot shows a lack of judgment in the felon population.

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Commented [2]: Your textual evidence will work here, but you have to do a better job in terms of defending your claim. In other words, you have to link your textual evidence to your claim. Your textual evidence is discussing the racial disparity in the prison population. As such, you have to address this in terms of the racial inequality of denying felons their voting rights.

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Restate this idea. Also, be sure to leave a lasting impression on your readers.