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The Longest War



For reasons,
lets try to
use a more
detailed &
telling title

Rhetorical Analysis

My overall experience with the unit was positive, it gave me the opportunity to explore content that I would not have personally chosen to work with, and to think about it in a way that I have not done so before.

I feel that snapping my mind back to the purpose of a rhetorical analysis is a fantastic exercise to help me not always think about writing in the same way that I have approached it for years.

I feel that my writing process is mostly unaffected as I have over the years written for different companies and managed a conventional writing style that involves research, and revision.

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Wom... very few students have gone with my full name in the header =

Rhetorical Analysis of "The Longest War"

Rebecca Solnit's essay, "The Longest War" gives voice to the extraordinary ordeal that is violence against women in context of the United States ~~specifically~~ and the world ~~in general~~.

Solnit has crafted this information utilizing statistical, historical, factual, and personal views of gender and the inequality of the male to female role in violence. The way in which the

mathematics are presented and how this affects the way in which women perceive their

surroundings makes this essay clearly convey the strong violence of rape. Solnit utilizes many

examples of how rape is a gender issue in the details of the accounts. Additionally, Solnit

iterates staggering number of victims that fall prey to violence, which lends us toward an

engaging need to assess our world and the relations of the sexes and how this impacts or view on

rape and violence.

Solnit's begins with statistical information that is informative and ~~most likely~~ shocking

to the reader in the opening of the text; "there is a reported rape every 6.2 minutes, and one in

five women will be raped in her lifetime" (Solnit 19) and then leads us directly into specific

examples of no less than five examples of rape to state "though no one adds them up and

indicates that there might actually be a pattern" (Solnit 20) indicates that we are seeking a tone of

edification where the audience is any whom can affect change for the betterment of women to

not be victimized by their male counterparts.

Consider a different word choice given the context of the essay.

Try to analyze how these claims are operating rhetorically.

good sentence, but I feel that your point could be conveyed a bit clearer.

too passive

good claim, but consider how your thesis still needs

to engage the rhetorical qualities of

the text,

the argument,

and whether or not the

author achieved her purpose.

Look over your sentence structure in this IP. As of now, this IP is currently one sentence, which conventionally would make this IP incomplete.

Other Journalists and scholars and world organizations such as the United Nations validate the same type of information ^{Persuasive} ~~that is so persuasive as~~ cited by Solnit:

But violence against women — including rape, murder and sexual harassment — remains stubbornly high in countries rich and poor, at war and at peace. The

United Nations' main health agency, the World Health Organization, found that 38 percent of women who are murdered are killed by their partners. (Sengupta)

Consider how you need to analyze this information in respects to why it matters in relation to Solnit's text
There are of course differing views on this topic and as the author has depicted, ~~it's not~~ ^{not non-violent} ~~that no women are violent~~. The incidents of ~~rape~~ and the seemingly most violent ~~of~~ crimes are *main argument!*

directed toward women. Solnit does combine rape and violence “We have an abundance of rape and violence against women in this country and on this Earth, though it’s almost never treated as a civil rights or human rights issue”. There are differing opinions such as from Cathy Young’s article, “Research showing that women are often aggressors in domestic violence has been causing controversy for almost 40 years, ever since the 1975 National Family Violence Survey by sociologists Murray Straus” (Young). The issue of Rape is unique unto itself and a different type of violence that has by its very nature a skewed demographic.

In 2012 California, New Orleans, Chicago New Delhi there were sited group assaults on women and notable. Solnit has provided ~~us~~ a very well documented and compelling argument that sexual violence against women is all too common. Additionally, Solnit utilizes categories

such as she indicates, “If you’d rather talk about bus rapes than gang rapes” (Solnit 20). She is effectively pointing a well-crafted spotlight on how we as a country, nation, world, and gender should pay heed to these trends, and take steps to educate those that would commit violent acts

The info. in this IP is a tad bit confusing in respects to what it's trying to convey & achieve.

rephrase

rephrase this sentence

this phrasing is a bit convoluted.

such as abuse and rape. Her arguments appeal to our sense of what is right and good, but let us not forget that even if we discount her appeals to the aspect of violence her informative expose as in where she directs us to these facts;

Again, I can get a sense of what you're trying to convey here, but your syntax structure is getting in the way of meaning.

Try to lead into this quote with more development

There's so much of it. We could talk about the assault and rape of a seventy-three-year-old in Manhattan's Central park in September 2012, or the recent rape of a four-year-old and an eighty-three-year-old in Louisiana, or the New York City policeman who was arrested in October of 2012 for what appeared to be serious plans to kidnap, rape, cook, and eat a woman, any woman, because the hate wasn't personal. (Solnit, 22)

The facts of ~~Rape~~ are disturbing, ~~at least and~~ hopefully with enlightenment and awareness, the world can bring the genders more into alignment and reduce the risks and instance of this type of violent behavior. As women around the world become more equal to their Male? counterparts there may well be a shift to where men are not predominantly approaching women, but where women are more comfortable of stepping beyond the normal role of a man's desire to be the individual that approaches a social exchange. "The fury and desire come in a package, all twisted together into something that always threatens to turn eros into thanatos" (Solnit, 27) may be lessened if we can take the role and make it equal for men and women.

try to be clearer here.

how are they not already? what do you mean by this statement?

this sentence is also a bit confusing.

Rape and other acts of violence are well depicted and give much food for thought how there is a gender gap in the way that we view the world and the dangers therein. Men are often oblivious;

Last summer someone wrote to me to describe a college class in which the students were asked what they do to stay safe from rape. The young women described the intricate ways they stayed alert, limited their access to the world,

took precautions, and essentially thought about rape all the time (while the young men in class, he added, gaped in astonishment). (Solnit 30).

Good textual evidence here.

Solnit provides us detail on the factual data that violent acts exist outside of rape where

most of the information where there is rape there is by its very nature violence. Solnit makes clear that rape isn't specifically a crime of passion, but in many cases premeditated; "one of three Native American women will be raped, and on the reservations 88 percent of those rapes are by non-Native men who know tribal governments can't prosecute them."

Make this sentence a bit more clear

consider how your opening sentence here & your prior citation don't come into conversation w/ each other.

To emphasize the gender inequality, Solnit cites compelling comparisons of prominent figures: "Unlike the last (male) head of the International Monetary Fund, the current (female) head is not going to assault an employee at a luxury hotel" (Solnit 34), as well as the awful fact that in everyday life at home "there's just no maternal equivalent to the 11 percent of rapes that are by fathers or stepfathers." (Solnit 34)

This IP needs more development

Solnit starts the essay with the topic of Rape and leads us to violence and after an exploratory trip through all of the statistics, facts, and compelling arguments we end on the topic of Rape. Rape and violence are linked, and making everyone aware is a laudable goal. Whether you believe that men are more violent than women, that the sides are balanced, or that women are more violent than men; the result is still there that Rape is dominantly a female issue.

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Violence is a human rights issue and whether we codify it as male or female, every effort should be made to alleviate the problem.

Is this what Solnit was trying to get across in her argument? It would appear that, in the context of the essay, rape is an issue that adversely affects women, but needs to be considered by men.

great ending statement!

Chad, This was a well-written first draft that had a number of stray claims & textual evidence. For revisions, I would consider working with your central argument, which is a bit unclear, and making sure that you're analyzing your textual evidence & relating your claims back to your main argument.

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