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The following excerpts are **argumentative**.

Describe each excerpt's argument, and whether or not you feel they are *legitimate*--and **why**?

Excerpt 1:

I love dogs! I can't believe how cool dogs are. Last time I saw a dog, I got super excited. I love how fluffy they are and how rowdy they are. It's nuts! Dogs are so smart and able to play catch and learn tricks, and I think that's so cool that they can do that. I love dogs that are small, and I love dogs that are large, and I just love dogs. Don't you think dogs are great?

Excerpt 2:

There has gotta be a way to push for more diverse literature in schools--It's just unacceptable that much schools all across the country have libraries filled with predominantly classic literature and do little to except the coming hords of varied voices on various texts that have been penned in the last 2 decades. My peers deserve better, and I deserve better. I don't want to be stuck reading Hamlet or A Tale of 2 Cities again!

Excerpt 3:

It's important to you that you eat a balanced diet. Food pyramids back in the day like in the 2000s would have carbs as the most important thing to eat, but now new research tells us that may not be the case anymore, and we should eat from a balance of food. Like dairy, fats, even some sugars. I don't really know if you should get sugars from cake. Or fruit, or candy maybe. Anyway, fats used to be demonized, but research also tells us they got a bad rep in the past like before I was born. Eggs are very nutritious. Fat is also in meat, and meat has proteins. But we don't have to eat meat, either--I think? Maybe we all have to eat meat..

Excerpt 4:

what's going on with prison systems these days? it feels like jails from all across america are being stuffed to the brim with petty criminals who commit injustice no worse than choosing to be caught with a drug at the wrong time. are those kinds of people really deserving of being caged with serial killers and offenders? i don't know about that.