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### Annotated Bibliography

Barash, David P. *Natural Selections*. New York: Bellevue Literary Press, 2008. Print.

Barash provides a view of human life from a natural perspective. It focuses on logic's and human nature's effect on the way humans live. It is formed of 21 chapters. Something that really grabbed my eye is the front cover illustration. It is the silhouette of a human that is filled with images of plants and animals. The cover is this picture because the book brings together human behavior with animal nature. It also uses scenes from movies, shows, plays, and other books to bring in a relatable connection between entertainment and reality. This book is not biased, it is actually proving that humans have to be in between being too selfish and being too selfless: "We need to refrain both from morally repulsive excesses of selfishness, as well as from overdoses of self-destructive altruism" (113). He raises many questions that ask what it is humans are supposed to do in life, "Be bad and satisfy your "passion" or be good, and do your "duty"?" (113). I am thankful to be using this book because it gives me a perspective that no other source I have found can. Rather than only agreeing with me, Barash provides me with a completely opposite view, which is to be neither selfish or selfless but both. This book will definitely broaden my argument and will make it more credible.

Gibson, Bryan, Jody Thompson, Beini Hou, & Brad J. Bushman. "Just 'Harmless Entertainment'? Effects of Surveillance Reality TV on Physical Aggression." *American Psychological Association* 5.1 (2014) : 66-73. *EBSCOhost*. Web. 13 November 2017.

Gibson discusses a study that was conducted on TV viewers. The focus of this study was the effect of television behavior on real life behavior. The author uses direct numbers to prove that the average times negativity is used on a show corresponds to the number of times a viewer will react in the same way. This article is not biased because it strictly based on numbers. The author gives evidence of three types of aggression used on reality TV that induces aggressive behavior elsewhere. Gibson states that relational aggression is used to destroy one's relationships with others. His example of this in reality TV is "...from *Jersey Shore* would be Ronnie gossiping about how Vinnie got pinkeye" (68). The article uses common examples among many different television shows that prove to be aggressive. It also shows examples of content that is not aggressive but could be perceived as so. This shows that this piece is not biased and gives supporting evidence for both sides. This is a good piece for me to incorporate into my essay. I am going to use this data to prove that humans act selfishly in conflict. Because

humans are always in conflict it is easy for them to always be selfish and act with aggression. This heavily supports my piece because if reality TV, which is based on the realities of our world, is always showing conflict and aggression then the world is too.

Marinoff, Lou. "Biological Roots of Human Conflict." *Journal of Conflictology* 5.1 (2014): 2-13. *Camden Carroll Library*. Web. 16 November 2017.

Lou Marinoff uses ancient studies of conflict among animals and primitive humans to uncover the biological roots of conflict. This article is unbiased as it is only informational, not argumentative. The piece is written very well and is credible. Marinoff quotes many famous and accredited authors. Some of them used are Jane Goodall, Charles Darwin, Thomas Hobbes, and Plato. This article is heavily science based so it is a good fit for my final essay. I will definitely use the data showing animal conflict to create parallels to human conflict. At first I assumed that this article would not be supporting of my thesis but after a thorough reading I found a fantastic article to use. The evidence used also support the underlying statement in my thesis that says human nature is evil: "This is the very antithesis of chivalry, but chivalry is only one more cultural convection that can be flouted at will, for it has no purchase in our biology" (6). I am very happy to have found this scientific source because it thoroughly proves my thesis.

Sanderson, Stephen K. *The Evolution of Human Sociality*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2001. Print.

Sanderson uses the compilation of many accredited writers to explain how human culture goes hand in hand with Darwinian conflict. This book is sectioned off into 5 chapters with 16 total subcategories. The book is excellently grouped by topic which makes it easy to navigate. The amount of quotes and studies shown throughout is almost overwhelming. There is a argument and rebuttal for every topic mentioned in the book. This very unbiased and will provide me with evidence for anything I choose to write about in my piece. One of the best quotes I have found is proving that humans are inherently selfish because of conflict, which is indeed my thesis. Sanderson states "In the struggle for survival and reproduction, humans give overwhelming priority to their own selfish interests and to those of their kin, especially their close kin" (147). I was not certain that I would use this book because I was afraid I would get lost in the evidence and end up far away from my original thesis. After reading this source I found that it is quite easy to pick and choose my quotes around my thesis. I now know that this book will come in handy for sure.