

and for civilization is an easy one to make. We are here confronting the most fundamental of philosophical questions, on the deepest levels. But that is precisely my point—that the matter of pornography and obscenity is not a trivial one, and that only superficial minds can take a bland and untroubled view of it.

Assignments, Exercises, Puzzles

I. Construct an argument championing one side of a political issue. Choose from among the following topics. Be sure to follow the conventions of the discourse community.

1. cutting taxes vs. spending for social services

2. reducing or increasing the size of the armed forces

3. subsidizing farmers or allowing a free market for farm goods

4. eliminating Social Security in favor of private savings for old age

5. banning gays from the military

6. legalizing marijuana

7. committing troops to secure peace in inhumane foreign revolutions

8. establishing a national health care system vs. relying on health maintenance organizations

9. building more prisons vs. funding prevention programs

10. establishing the drinking age as 18 in all states

II. Construct an ad using the methods of the advertising industry for the following brands of products or services:

1. Toyota

2. Maytag

3. Mass Mutual Insurance

4. Hertz

5. Lancome

6. Tide

7. Bic

8. Cheerios

9. Caterpillar

10. JavaNet