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The topic is the relationship between vaccinations and autism. There have been debates that immunizations cause autism among children instilling fear among parents. I am interested in this topic because millions of parents take their children for vaccinations every year. After all, the health sector recommends preventing illnesses. However, there have been rumors that the vaccines would harm the children, including the development of autism, which alters critical skills in them. It has made them question the vaccinations' safety; thus, describing the issue makes them understand instead of living with fear. My audience is the new parents, as I feel they greatly require the information. Being new in the vaccination process, they need to understand why immunizations are given, side effects and possible outcomes. It would persuade those fearing the vaccinations because of the rumors to learn the truth and therefore go for these services, thus ensuring their children's safety. My topic is narrow and unique as it is solely on vaccinations and autism. It does not cover the types of vaccinations or other illnesses debated, but only autism. Therefore, it is specifically where the audience would only get information about autism. It is also unique, as most of the new parents do not understand the causes of autism.

Being a formal discussion, I will rely on academic arguments instead of non-academic ones. The academic articles are topic-specific, while others would discuss more than one area. The academic is also backed up with research, making them reliable and valid where the professionals make objective conclusions. Using the academic debates would therefore increase knowledge and understanding about the topic and persuade the new parents. I plan to make the overarching argument that vaccinations do not cause autism because the law tests the vaccinations for years before being offered to the public (Pivetti et al., 2020). Besides, I would

add that the vaccines have weakened forms of the illnesses, causing the virus to produce antibodies that protect the child (Rizzi et al., 2020). I would also touch on the controversy and say that the only known thing about the vaccines is that the children would swell around the injection part, which ends after some days (Knopf, 2017). Cases of serious outcomes are so limited across the globe that no reliable research has given true feedback. Nevertheless, the challenge I foresee is convincing the new parents that vaccinations are safe. The negativity around the topic is too much that they could doubt because they are new parents, and fearing their children's safety is high. I will overcome it by simply giving the information without forcing them to accept it.

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