

## **Information Circles - Rhetorician - The Old Debate: Punish Prisoners, or Rehabilitate Them?**

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### **Pathos**

“Debates over how to treat prisoners have gone on since imprisonment began: should the prison system leave inmates to fester in cold cells, with punishment and deterrence as the goal of incarceration? Or should it let them wander from classroom to games room, preaching rehabilitation into society as its main aim?” This excerpt shows the author’s emotions on this specific topic because of the description of the differences between rehabilitation and punishment. The readers emotions in this article are not apparent but this small section is the closest she comes to showing how she feels about this controversial topic. She made it clear that she leans towards rehabilitation rather than simply punishing prisoners.

### **Logos**

“With over 83,000 prisoners currently locked away, England and Wales have a staggering imprisonment rate of 150 per 100,000 of the population. Our prisons have been officially overcrowded since 1994; nearly 14,000 current inmates are serving indeterminate sentences.” Eleanor Muffitt uses numbers and statistics to show her logical point of view on this topic. She compares England and Wales to other prisons stating how others are overcrowded and many are serving indeterminate sentences. This shows her logical perspective which clearly shows how she agrees with the way prisons are run in England and Wales and how more places should follow suit.

### **Ethos**

“By Eleanor Muffitt 5:07PM GMT 18 Dec 2013,” This quote shows the author's name and she writes for the Telegraph which is considered to be biased towards the right wing. They are considered to have a mixed reliability as they have left out facts and information that point away from their conservative views. Eleanor Muffitt now leads a charity for girls and women in the UK after writing 122 articles for the Telegraph. Her

article could be considered mostly reliable with a bit of a lean towards the right wing and a slight bias but it is not prominent in this particular article.

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