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Screaming children should not be banned from shopping centres.



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A few weeks ago DeeWhy Grand shopping centre put up a sign in their window which reads: "Stop! Parents please be considerate of other customers using the food court. Screaming children will not be tolerated in the centre. - Centre Management." As a mother of three I find this to be hideously outrageous. How dare they comment on the parenting skills of us mothers and fathers? I'd like to see them have a go at taking care of three children, having to keep an eye on them 24/7.

Gives some key background information on the issue

Introduces persona Contention stated and supported by persuasive devices

This shopping centre is being completely and utterly unreasonable. Kids will be kids. And sorry to tell you but kids occasionally scream. They cannot ban children for simply doing what's in their nature of being human. When I bring my children to the shopping centre, occasionally they'll scream, whether it's because they're not getting what they want or they've just had a long day. I always try to calm them down but I think kicking them out of the shopping centre is a bit harsh. They'll never learn anything in life if they don't get a chance to see what they've done wrong.

Use of emotive language and cliché

Use of personal anecdote

Even if this does go along, I'd really like to see them enforce this new rule. Seeing little screaming children getting escorted out by security? What a joke. We can't simply go home because our children are misbehaving. If they're suggesting we leave our children at home while we do our shopping that isn't always the simplest thing to do for us parents. For most people it's difficult to find a trustworthy babysitter or one they can afford so what are we supposed to do? Just not go shopping? It's ridiculous and I just can't see it happening.

Use of rhetorical questions Variation in sentence structure

Use of inclusive language

Not only is this rule too ridiculous to enforce but it's also going to ruin their business. A high proportion of shoppers in the centre are in fact mothers and fathers with their children. If you kick out this mass of people from your shopping centre, you are going to lose customers. If I were the manager for this shopping centre, I wouldn't want to make the bulk of their customers angry with their system of discipline. So if DeeWhy Grand doesn't want their customers to be unhappy with the way their shopping centre works around children, I would give them a suggestion to take the sign down.

Shift in the focus of the argument similar to rebuttal paragraph

Banning children, just because they scream, is ridiculous. It's going to ruin the shops business and aggravate the majority of their customers. I am pleading with DeeWhy Grand to take down this sign. It is extremely insulting to us parents who are trying our best to take care of our children and do the best we can to discipline our kids within reason. So if you want to see screaming children being dragged out of the shopping centre by security, then go ahead, support ban but you won't see me getting escorted

Begins to sum up the argument by using the language of the introduction Includes a call to action

Use of inclusive and exclusive language

Concluding statement

out with my child, I'll be taking a stand against the ridiculous rule.	
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