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### **Selling Kidneys / Body Parts Argument Essay**

Imagine a parent trying to afford to put their children through college. They don't have enough money, therefore they fall more to the idea of selling their kidneys for money.

Libertarians agree with this concept of allowing citizens to sell their body parts. Libertarians also believe that it also improves of the idea of a "free market" - i.e. a system where the government doesn't interfere with regulations on sellers. Even though libertarians find selling body parts acceptable, there are objections against them. Many object this idea because they believe people shouldn't risk their lives just for money. They think there should be laws that interfere with your actions. However, citizens should have the right to use and risk their own bodies as they please. This is demonstrated by the following claims, 1) Self-ownership is the concept of being able to own your own body, 2) No paternalism allows donors to dictate what is riskful to them, 3) Being able to sell kidneys in a free market will be beneficial.

Self - ownership is the main concept in favor of selling kidneys. Self - ownership allows a person to own themselves and it supports the idea that your body and its parts are considered to be your property. Libertarians believe that you should have the right to your own property, and be able to do what you please with it. Well known author, Michael Sandel explains, "What matters is not the purpose but the right to dispose of our property as we please". Sandel states that it shouldn't matter what you do with your property, if you have a right to it. Selling kidneys is a personal choice that doesn't harm anyone other than the donor. That is why libertarians

argue that people should be entitled to their own body / property, and should be able to dictate what can be harmful. This introduces a policy libertarians reject: paternalism.

Paternalism is defined as a government interference of violating the people's freedom and responsibilities. Libertarians reject paternalism since it is able to protect people from risking themselves. They also believe people should be able to assume what risks are possible when donating or selling their body parts. Sandel explains how libertarians are against paternalism. He claims, "Libertarians argue that such laws violate the right of the individual to decide what risks to assume." In this quote, Sandel states that government interference is a violation of independence. Paternalism can be set into the example of not allowing someone who is willing to donate their body part, even if they know the consequences and choose to risk it. Paternalism will interfere with the donator even if they voluntarily accept the possibility of risking their life.