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Annotated Bibliography: Sex Offenders in Society

Brown, K., Spencer, J., and Deakin, J. "The Reintegration of Sex Offenders: Barriers and Opportunities for Employment." *The Howard Journal of Criminal Justice* 46.1 (Spring 2007): 32-42.

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In this article, Brown, Spencer, and Deakin argue that restrictions in the United Kingdom are making it increasingly difficult for sex offenders to reintegrate into society. They use credible sources, but often present conflicting facts that lead to contradictions. They focus on specific examples to convey their point and support them with statistics and scientific studies. In addition, the authors also take into account the feelings and experiences of actual sex offenders and potential employers by the use of interviews and questionnaires. Although living restrictions for sex offenders is mentioned, the main focus of this article is the restrictions and difficulties they face when applying for jobs. This article relates to the other sources because it discusses restrictions put on sex offenders. It also relates perfectly to my research argument of sex offender restrictions being too harsh.

Hamilton, A. "Banning the Bad Guys." *Time* 166.10 (2005): 72-73.

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Hamilton argues that housing restrictions for sex offenders are too harsh and often unnecessary. She uses statistics to show that the majority of sex offenders who undergo rehabilitation are unlikely to have a second offense, and therefore, harsher restrictions are unneeded. She uses the statistics as well as laws, and quotes from Iowa's attorney general to validate her argument. Like other sources, she uses these facts and laws to support her point and then relates them to an actual example. Unlike other sources, Hamilton explains how housing restrictions may also restrict sex offenders in other ways, such as transportation. The main focus of this article is that harsh living restrictions are leaving sex offenders few places to live, especially in Iowa. This article is useful to my argument because it discusses one way that sex offenders are limited due to restrictions being too harsh.

Harrison, K. "The High-Risk Sex Offender Strategy in England and Wales: Is Chemical Castration an Option?" *The Howard Journal of Criminal Justice* 46.1 (2007): 16-31.

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Harrison argues that the chemical castration of high-risk sex offenders would be beneficial to society. Like the other articles, she uses statistics and scientific studies to validate her argument. Through the use of those statistics, she is able to show that chemical castration significantly decreases the odds of a high-risk sex offender from committing a second offense. This article is like the other sources, in that it discusses a restriction put on sex offenders, however, this article focuses on a physical restriction rather than a law. This article is also

different because it supports the opposing viewpoint that drastic restrictions on sex offenders are necessary and beneficial. This article is the counter-argument to my topic, and therefore, could be used to present an opposing viewpoint.