# They say... I say... BOTTLED WATER

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First of all, too many people depend on bottled water. As many as 780 million people require it because their tap water is not clean enough to drink. Although some say that the lingering plastic from the bottles is one of the main causes of pollution, communities depend on bottled water now.

Secondly, the United States depends on bottled water more than most think. In the United States a growing problem is obesity. Bottled water helps decrease obesity by being an option instead of sugary drinks. It's true that people could resort to refillable bottles of water taken from home. However, if it was taken off the shelves, the sugary substitute alternatives— such as soda, energy drinks, and sweat tea— would likely sky rocket.

Lastly, bottle water is convenient and accessible. Although, some believe that the accessibility of the product is not one of the major reasons it's sold. When someone has a sporting event they can grab a bottle of water and be set for the event. If someone is on a long drive a bottle of water could quench their thirst. It is very easy to grab on the way out the door.

Despite the cons, overall, bottled water is too helpful to get rid of. Too many people rely on it for their daily drinking water. In addition, it helps curb obesity because it's convenient and accessible. The pros are much bigger than the cons.

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The issue of recycling paper, plastic, and other materials is constantly being stressed to the members of our present-day society. If everyone helped to recycle bottles from bottled water, it would make a tremendous difference. Despite the benefits, many people claim that bottled water should be banned. There are countless reasons why it should exist and it should not be banned from communities.

Some people say that bottled water is not healthy. They say it is not thoroughly tested. Although this may be true, it is a great, healthy alternative to high-calorie soda and sweet tea. These sugary beverages directly lead to obesity. If more people drank bottled water instead of a fattening drink, the obesity rate would decrease. If this happened, the nation would be healthier overall.

Many people argue that bottled water takes up too much space in landfills. Also, they say that once they are in landfills, they contaminate our waterways. This may be true, but this could be eliminated. If the government created a safe place for the water bottles, such as a recycling center, there would not be the dilemma of where they could end up.

Despite these options and advantages, some people *still* believe that bottled water should be banned. However, it is often the *only* safe option for many people. If some were forced to drink water from their local taps, they could contract many severe illnesses or diseases, many which could lead to their deaths. The banning of bottled water would leave them with no choice but to drink the unhealthy water. Within these communities, bottled water provides safe drinking water for 780 million people. They are extremely necessary.

Although some want to ban bottled water, the research shows the advantages of bottled water outweigh the disadvantages. It is more convenient, it is a healthy alternative, and most importantly, it is the only safe option for some people. The community should not ban bottled water!

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