

All writing, no matter what form it takes, has a primary topic. In a well-developed academic essay, this primary topic is usually expressed in a thesis statement. Typically, the thesis statement is the last sentence in your introductory paragraph.

The thesis statement should dictate what you discuss in your essay. Here is a thesis statement on another controversial subject, the death penalty:

- I do believe abolishment of the death penalty is the morally correct path because many innocent people have been executed in the past, life without parole is a better alternative and capital punishment does not deter crime.

The statement tells the reader what issues will be discussed in the essay. For instance, the first body paragraph will deal with innocent people being executed, the second will deal with the better alternative and the final body paragraph will look at the lack of decrease in crime levels.

A good thesis statement creates a stronger essay. Here are some videos to watch which will expand on this:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCzuAMVmIZ8>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sx42_C10zw

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-jHFyF1u_Y