**Write an essay on the following issue.**

**Claim:** The best test of an argument is its ability to convince someone with an opposing viewpoint.

**Reason:** Only by being forced to defend an idea against the doubts and contrasting views of others does one really discover the value of that idea.

**Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.**

When an issue comes up, there are too many ways to convince the opponents of the argument. In this regard, some individuals think that the best way to approve the argument is correct is its convincing ability against the opponents of that view. In my opinion, this is not a proper criterion to evaluate an argument or an idea. I think this way for two main reasons which will be stated in the subsequent paragraphs.

First of all, in some arguments may both sides of the issue be correct, so in these cases, the solution does not have the ability to satisfy both opponents and proponents. For example, some people may think that nights are the best time to read books and libraries should be open during the night, on the other hand, some people disagree that this may increase the expenses of the city and it is not cost-effective to do. In these kinds of issues, both sides are correct and it is somewhat a personal choice, and they cannot convince each other at all.

Moreover, in some cases, other means can help us to understand the value of an opinion. These means can be such as computer software, thorough experimental research, and so on. For example, assume that there is a debate on whether it is a good idea to build a public park beside with industrial area near the city or not. In this case, environments engineers can estimate the effects of these two areas on the air, soil, water currents, etc on the environments. Additionally, industrial engineers can estimate the profit of this project as a whole. Therefore, as you can see these kinds of arguments could be evaluated by science and there is no need to convince the opponents and make an argument on them. Actually, numbers do not lie and can illustrate the value of the idea.

To sum up, convincing the opponents of an idea is not the best way to identify the value of that idea. This is because in some personal cases both sides of the issue are correct and this method cannot do properly plus in other cases by means of science individuals can make the final decision without the need to convince each other.