

Debate: Was Mary Maloney's Crime Justified?

For:

1. **Emotional Trauma:** Mary was shocked and devastated by Patrick's abrupt announcement of leaving her. Her actions can be seen as a response to extreme stress.
2. **Lack of Premeditation:** The crime was not planned; it was a crime of passion.
3. **Injustice of Patrick's Decision:** Patrick's abrupt decision to end their marriage without consideration of Mary's feelings might be seen as a severe injustice that triggered her extreme reaction.
4. You may choose to go in a **different direction**, and that's fine.

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Against:

1. **Moral and Legal Responsibility:** Regardless of the circumstances, taking another person's life is morally and legally wrong. Mary's reaction, while understandable, does not justify murder.
2. **Other Options:** Mary could have sought help or tried to address the situation through communication or counseling instead of resorting to violence.
3. **Consequences:** Killing someone has severe consequences and affects more than just the immediate parties involved.
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Assignment

- Your job is to pick a side (For or Against) and creating a convincing argument as to whether or not Mary Maloney's actions were justified.
- Write a one to two page essay that lists your arguments using the PEE method. (Point, Evidence, Explanation).
- **Point:** State the main idea or argument of the paragraph clearly and concisely.
- **Evidence:** Provide specific examples, quotes, or data that support the point you made.
- **Explanation:** Analyze and interpret the evidence, explaining how it supports your point.