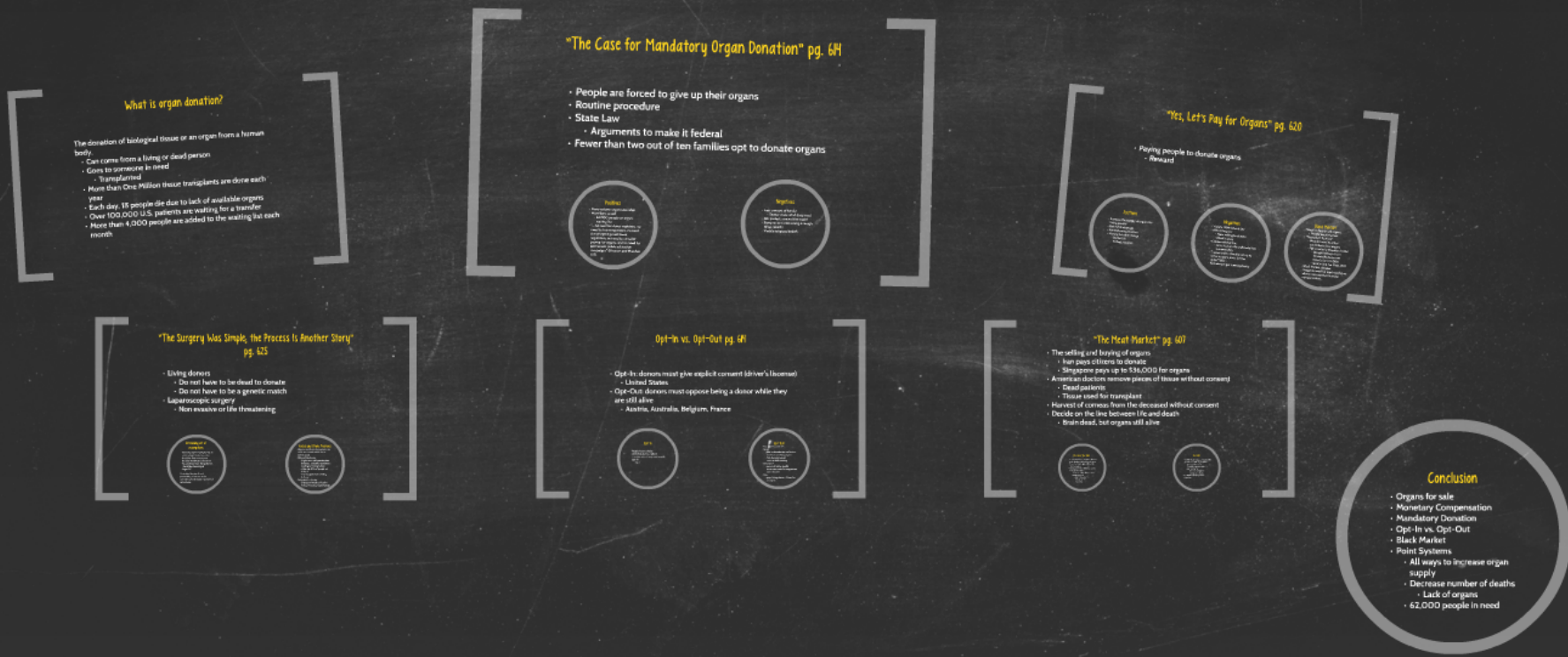


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"The Case for Mandatory Organ Donation" pg. 64

- People are forced to give up their organs
- Routine procedure
- State Law
 - Arguments to make it federal
 - Fewer than two out of ten families opt to donate organs

"Yes, Let's Pay for Organs" pg. 620

- Paying people to donate organs (Reward)

"The Surgery Was Simple, the Process Is Another Story" pg. 625

- Living donors
 - Do not have to be dead to donate
 - Do not have to be a genetic match
- Laparoscopic surgery
 - More invasive or life threatening

Opt-In vs. Opt-Out pg. 64

- Opt-In: donors must give explicit consent (driver's license)
 - United States
- Opt-Out: donors must oppose being a donor while they are still alive
 - Austria, Australia, Belgium, France

"The Meat Market" pg. 607

- The selling and buying of organs
 - Not paid citizens to donate
 - Singapore pays up to \$34,000 for organs
 - Allows an doctor to remove pieces of tissue without consent
- Dead systems
 - Tissue used for transplant
 - Harvest of organs from the deceased without consent
 - Decide on the line between life and death
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Conclusion

- Organs for sale
- Monetary Compensation
- Mandatory Donation
- Opt-In vs. Opt-Out
- Black Market
- Point Systems
 - All ways to increase organ supply
 - Decrease number of deaths
 - Lack of organs
 - 62,000 people in need

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Overall

- Worldwide shortage of organs will get worse before it gets better.
- presumed consent
- financial compensation
- point systems
 - increase supply of transplant organs
- Pressure is helping a rise in donation

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