IELTS Writing Task 2 Model Essay

Some people believe that the personal information of violent criminals should be made available to the public. Others think this information should be protected. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Essay:

The debate over whether the personal information of violent criminals should be publicized or kept confidential remains contentious. My opinion aligns with the notion that such data ought to be accessible by the public, albeit under certain restrictions.

On one hand, opponents argue that the personal information of criminals, violent or otherwise, should be kept confidential. They place significant importance on upholding the law, which categorically protects the privacy of every individual. Indeed, there could be instances where a person is wrongly castigated and sentenced, which could potentially happen due to fallible human judgement. In such a case, publicizing their personal information might lead to unjust societal backlash, thus highlighting the importance of safeguarding personal details.

On the contrary, proponents for making criminals' personal information public emphasize the potential for recidivism. Studies indicate that past criminals sometimes re-offend, thereby posing a public safety risk. They argue that early access to such information can serve as a valuable preventive measure, minimizing chances of victimization. Additionally, knowledge of criminals' whereabouts can significantly reduce societal anxiety and fear.

In conclusion, drawing on both perspectives, while the need to protect personal information is pertinent, the public's right to safety is paramount. Thus, I believe, provided the right restrictions are in place, that personal information of offenders should selectively be accessible to the public.

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Essay translated in Korean:

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Good expressions:

- 1. remains contentious -
- 2. fallible human judgement -
- 3. a public safety risk -
- 4. chances of victimization 가
- 5. societal anxiety and fear -
- 6. the right restrictions are in place 가
- 7. selectively be accessible to the public -