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The article “Yes, the Players in the World Cup Do Keep Falling Over for No Reason” is about America’s performance in the World Cup and how the players’ playacting connects to Qatar’s outdated system. The writer of this article is David Papineau. Papineau is a philosopher who also works as a professor at King’s College in London. He has written several books including one called *Knowing the Score: How Sports Teach Us about Philosophy*. He seems to be very knowledgeable on sports and human nature. The article serves the purpose of arguing that when players pretend they are injured for the sake of the game they “degrade themselves by their cheap deception” just like Qatar degrades itself with its laws.

Professor Papineau is targeting people who dismiss others because they don’t agree with the same principles and morals. He states, “Different conventions, in sports as in society in general, can be equally and morally acceptable. But it doesn’t follow that there are no immoral convections.” Papineau is implying that just like playacting can be seen as demeaning, there are places in the world where people of high power do things that demean others. Those who dismiss these things happening in the world because they are not affected by them are allowing immoral things to happen. The writer uses a disappointing tone throughout the article implying that he is disappointed in society. He explains that play acting in sports, “ isn’t something that might be incorporated into a healthy sporting practice, only more than slavery might be incorporated into a

healthy civil society.” Meaning that when we allow morally unjust things to happen in sports it's the same as allowing unjust treatment in society.

The article was released as an online article in the New York Times. The genre would be an argumentative essay article since Papineau argues his perspective. He has a negative stance as he explains why dismissive people are doing the wrong thing no matter how big the circumstances are. The piece was published in America in the year 2022. The world is seen as modernized and progressive at the time but there are many outdated countries still around. Like Qatar, Iran is showing that they are not a modern place and are immoral; by killing their citizens because they are not following its moral police. We can also see outdated views in America since women are still fighting for abortion rights and some employers are trying to avoid doing business with minorities such as the LGBTQ+ community. The writer picked a good time to publish the article due to all the current events. America is seen as a place with many cultures and minorities and the laws are made to keep us equal but there are still people who don't accept progressive changes.