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Pizza:

### An Argument for Its Awesomeness

“If I couldn't have pizza, I would destroy America and become a communist!” is a very famous quote by America’s first president, George Washington. Any intelligent human being would have to agree that pizza is awesome because it is cheap, healthy and convenient. In fact, pizza has been the most popular food since the birth of humanity as many researchers have recorded cave drawings that show pre-historic men and women placing dough on hot rocks and then squeezing tomatoes over the hot dough and topping it with vegetables. Today, debates ring out across out country such as “Which is better, Chicago or New York style?” and “Is stuffed crust the best pizza?” but one thing is sure, pizza is awesome. One of the best aspects of pizza is its price.

Pizza is a food that everyone can enjoy, mainly because it is very affordable. Data from pizzahut.com shows that an large pizza is now only ten dollars and any medium is only eight dollars (Pizza Hut Menu Page). A recent taste test from the New York Times, found that more Americans find Pizza Hut pizza to be the best tasting pizza in America (Jones, 4). With the best pizza in America only being a few dollars per serving, pizza is clearly awesome because its price makes it available to everyone. Also, Little Caesars, “America’s best deal” offers pizzas for only five dollars each (Watkins, 45). So, the most awesome food is available to most Americans thanks to its reasonable pricing, and, its awesomeness is also due to its health value.

The fact that pizza is a great health food is something that would make most people understand that it is awesome. Pizza encompasses all of the four food groups (Food and Drug Administration). It has fruits and vegetables in the sauce and toppings, grain in the dough, dairy in the cheese and meat in the toppings. It truly is the super-meal. Furthermore pizza is baked not fried, which allows for less fat to enter the dough. The international food council wrote in their quarterly journal that, "Pizza is healthier than doughnuts because doughnuts are deep fried and covered in glaze" (Seinfeld, 1232). Therefore, pizza is inexpensive and healthy, but, in addition to that, it is also convenient.

Most have viewed commercials that brag about having pizza to your door in less than thirty minutes or it is free. What other products do Americans have with such guarantees? Pizza is the most awesome food because it is very convenient. There is a plethora of options for those who crave pizza, they can stop by Little Caesars and pick up a large one topping that is hot and ready at any time, or they can call in a made-to-order pie that they can pick up at their convenience or have delivered to their door for free (Little Caesar FAQs). Try having a Big Mac delivered to the front door, it will not happen. Additionally, in Mount Vernon, according to the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce's 2011 Report, citizens have the choice of leading pizza chains, Godfather's and Pizza Hut as well as local juggernaut, Shakers Pizza (Mount Vernon 12). All of these locations offer pick up and delivery services for the entire city limits which can leave any Mount Vernonite with a full stomach of deliciousness any day of the week.

There are still numerous unanswered questions regarding pizza, however the question of its awesomeness has been answered by undisputable truth. It is awesome because it is cheap, healthy and convenient. If Americans have a meal that is generally under three dollars a serving that has a full serving of all four food groups and is delivered to your door in thirty minutes or

less, what more do we have to ask for? Opening up a hot box of fresh pizza is one of life's great pleasures and should not be spoiled by socialists and capitalists arguing for recycling rights and ancient stereotypes. Pizza is something that has stayed with humanity through the annals of history and will be here until the end of time. After the nuclear holocaust there will only be cockroaches, Twinkies and pizza.

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