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 **SOCCER IS A BETTER SPORT THAN AMERICAN FOOTBALL FOR THE AMERICAN SOCIETY**

Soccer is a type of team based sport that is played between two teams consisting of eleven players with a ball.it is a game with over 250 million players in over 200 countries and subdivisions; thereby making it world’s most popular sport. While a game consisting of two teams of eleven players playing on a rectangular field with 2 sets of goalposts at the end is called American football. A typical name for it in the United States and Canada is “football” The team with the most points wins at the end of the game. On this note I say Good ladies and Gentlemen, my name is …….. And I am in support of the motion which says “soccer is a better sport than American football for the American society’’

(American football...sports journal 2.4.3 football….association football 12.2.2017)

In reference to a sport involvement without prior knowledge, soccer is the easiest sports game to play. There is a major factor for soccer being the most popular game in the world it’s because anyone can play it at any given time. American Football needs a type of ball that is it has its own ball shape before you can play it and it’s also a little bit difficult to throw with the first attempts. Soccer can be played with an umpteen, variety of objects. This allows anyone, from the people in village to kids in a city, from the people in Asia to the people in Europe to play the game at any time. In addition to that, it’s a precise game that can be enjoyed and played alone, whether it is juggling the ball or practicing shooting or passes with the aid of a rebounding wall. As we grow up, we learn of the rules, punishments and guidelines of the game. But anyone can sit down and watch a soccer game, you don’t need initial experience. Yes the rules of the game could be confusing at first but even an amateur will understand it easier and better than a NFL game. Not much facilities is needed to play soccer that is why its predominant in the world. So far you have a ball, a field or an arena to play and the necessary equipment’s for playing the beautiful game. Football is a very physical game and therefore protective equipment is necessary if you don’t want to get hurt which makes it less suited for young kids and less accessible to people in poorer countries. Therefore, soccer is more inviting than the American soccer which can go a long way in particularly boosting the American economy.

Also, Soccer is a much more globally accepted sport than the former, the unity fostering capacity of soccer can’t be matched…

Soccer is one of the very few activities that bring nations of the world, players of different nationalities and race together in healthy competition with each other,

Racism and global health issues have been given a shout down by the emergence of soccer. For example, a match can be organized to fight racism and severe punishments to racist through match bans is worth doffing the hat for

Financial boost to countries and economic boom can be achieved via effective participation in soccer`. . For example the English premier league returns annually is a huge source of income for the UK government.

Talents are been discovered and put to use thus aiding destiny fulfillment and self-discovery

Love can’t be overemphasized in view of soccer. One of the strongest ways to strengthen love among nations is by Soccer. This can be seen in different friendly matches organized. Hate is buried and love is brought back to life.

Moreover, when it comes to fitness of players, soccer is the most upholding. Professional soccer demands you to be fit at all times, in fact no smoking or health dangerous life style but for football your body type as a lineman must be different from that of a midfielder, that’s obvious. However, in a country like America with obesity being such a prevalent problem, the kids look up to them and therefore take after them being overweight “There is the widespread occurrence of heart attack and weight problems in high schools, because more than half of the linemen are overweight. (Childhood obesity Mary Ann liebert journal) this has led to medical practitioners calling for weight limits on players, though it seems unlikely in the immediate future. Even so, they still worry themselves about the fact that they have to be around 320 pounds to play effectively today.” Soccer players on the other hand should not have a weight below par or above par underweight nor overweight in order ply their trade professionally.it is widely believed in the game of American football that you have to be overweight before you can hit your mark in a game. Added to that, they only play half the game because there are two separate units. On top of all that, substitutions occurs too often in a football game Whereas Soccer doesn’t have any of this. Players play for up to 45 minutes minimum for each half, with just 3 substitutions in an official game they are therefore few. Most elite soccer players are rarely obese or overweight. This sends a positive signal to kids looking up to them. They want to be fit just like their idols unlike American football where they want to be overweight and obese and looking into this, it can cause serious health diseases like atherosclerosis, heart attack and so on and this further has a negative effect on the economy and health of a nation.

(Weight for soccer players Thomas Reilly, A, Mark Williams-2003 -sports and recreation)

 Also, the popularity of a sport is defined not only by the viewers but also by the investment flushed into the sport, by the number of people playing the game and also the number of fans present at a local game but most times it’s all this combined and just like every other profit making industry the product it sells. As for football, it sells football while Soccer sells the beautiful game of soccer. In the year 2003, the United States had a wholesale record of $103 million from the sales of soccer balls and soccer related accessories while there was a 30% increase in the year 2007 with the United States ministering a wholesale record of $326 million worth of soccer balls and soccer accessories. What a massive increase that is. The United States saw a massive increase in the growth of soccer after their hosting of the world cup in the year 1994, the impact the world cup brought on the economy was really massive(2014 ESPN POLL 225.227). Soccer in America rose to the highest due to the influence of TV deals and massive deals in advertisement. The profit accrued from balls and soccer accessories is so minimal when compared to what will be discovered if soccer is made the major sport in America. For example, the U.S soccer team is a commodity as every sports team is. They are being backed financially by key investors in other sports. The owner of an England club Manchester city happens to be a partner of New York city football club, Robert Kraft is the investor of the American team New England Patriots, this team estimates at $1.8 billion according to Forbes ( Forbes list….. football and soccer 2017) and he is also the owner of New England Revolution a soccer team in MLS U.S which means that investors are seeing the potential future of soccer which will be so massive considering the fact that billions of dollars move in and out of the soccer world. (Reuters poll 2014 .03.09.14~14)

Also it is generally known that there is more contact in football than in soccer. Soccer is more about avoiding contacts. But then in football you have some players charging out and why? This is because they have the intentions of causing harm to their opponents. Take for example bounties were offered based on who you hurt and how badly you hurt them by the new saint Orleans team. Really? Is this wrestling? Also, soccer injuries are much less common than football injuries. Some football players have even given up the ghost on the field, starting from the players playing professionally to the high school kids. The prevailing ailment gotten from playing football is brain damage and this happens mostly years after retirement when you are about to enjoy your rewards. It is evidenced in a film produced by Will Smith called “concussion” and it was proven that American football is a very easy pathway to brain damage. How can they allow this kind of sports to thrive it’s a killer sports.it shouldn’t be encouraged in America and it shouldn’t be dominant over a less risky sports which is soccer. Soccer in the USA has been rising for some years now and the European experts have predicted America will soon be among the leading soccer nations. It says that the number of injuries in the game of soccer is very minimal every year thus it is one of the safest sports provided the playing area and equipment are up to standard, (Nilsson, Svein, and Asbjørn Roaas, 12). This article also states that the world's most popular sport played by very young players is soccer and i think anything with a considerable less amount of exposure to injuries is bound to be inviting most especially to kids.

Soccer is one of the largest labor markets in the world. The influx of money flowing through the soccer world is unimaginable and this has a very positive impact on the economy. Imagine what that kind of money can do to the American economy if they make soccer their most dominant sports. First of all they tend to have higher number of investors that will troop in for investment purposes .why did the prominence of soccer fail in America? Because very few companies invested but with the large number of people living there, there won’t be a problem with the fan base, there is nothing as special as attending an European soccer game, Fans show much more passion for a soccer game than fans who actually go out there to attend a football game, the atmosphere of a soccer game is always eccentric. From the whistling, to the shouting, to the singing and chanting of everyone in the stadium to boos, lightning and fliers display. There is no football game that can provide the enthusiasm, passion, spirit and energy defused by the fans of soccer. This game makes the old and the young enthralled by its beauty. The game of soccer is a passionate one, if new teams are established and funded the way investors fund American football, basketball and other business enterprises, it will attract a lot of fans and this will bring about profits. For example, in the European leagues, there is a massive sales of top teams equipment or shares. Bayern was estimated at $896 million, Real Madrid was estimated at $768 million and Manchester united was estimated at $739 million (forbes list 2016). A recent English premier league TV deal won by sky sports was just concluded at $5.136billion and this will most definitely rise in the foreseeable future. If these millions and billions of dollars were assigned to American teams, all investors will be eager to hop in to soccer in America.

(The wall street journal 23.12.13 kyle chayka)

According to http://www.helium.com, there is also a wide gap in terms of international popularity and distribution. Soccer is the dominant team sport across most of the globe, in Africa, most parts of Asia, South America and Europe. On the other hand, Football is dominant only in North America. Another one of the reasons why soccer is more popular in world terms is that it is competitively engaged at an international level. There is also a lot of professional and non-professional leagues around the whole world with the most popular are England’s league that’s The Barclays premier league. Although there are many tournaments throughout the world, only one takes the top spot that’s the World Cup Tournament, the world cup takes place in a hosting country every 4 years. The World Cup in this light is the biggest sporting event in the world. Football has its Super Bowl but it’s the opposite as it involves North American club teams only. Still it doesn’t have the international recognition and impact soccer has on the economy and on the individual itself. There is no doubt this kind of internationally known sports will have its mark on the American society for instance the MLS i.e. the soccer league in America will pull a lot of foreign investors and no amount of growth is enough for an economy.it will massively favor the American because of its upper hand over football on the world scale.

Any sports that gives gender equality should be considered a better sport unfortunately this is absent in football. Soccer is being played both by the male sex and the female sex. There is no female participation in the game of football which is not actually enticing. In soccer there is even the female world cup and professional leagues for the females. This leads to gender equality, added revenue and also spirit of togetherness between the two sexes (male and female). Also, there are two players that dominate this different sports and, let’s take a look at their impact on the outside world. In football you have le’veon Bell, who is currently dominating the NFL. Le’veon is on track to breaking all the single record set by quarterbacks. In addition to being outstanding on the football field he also led to the increase of tickets by fifteen percent, On the other hand you have Cristiano Ronaldo who is presently the world’s best player in soccer. He is the highest paid athlete in the world(highest paid athlete 2016/2017 Forbes) when he was traded to Real Madrid from Manchester united in the year 2009 he led to an astonishingly forty-two percent increase in ticket sales. He singlehandedly boosted the income rate of his club thereby boosting the revenue of the country due to higher tax accrual. If a single player can affect a country like this what more several players if given the ability to enjoy the game of soccer in America.

Let the soccer culture begin from the roots, let the American people embrace the most exciting and passionate sport in history. Let it not thrive only among the immigrants and suburban but also among the indigenous citizens of America let them willingly adopt the ways of their European counterparts by allowing this sport to flourish and I tell you it will go a long way in revitalizing the economy and culture of the American society. Making a good reputation for soccer in America is all about establishing interesting and potential filled teams thereby creating and improving their brands to make it appealing to sports fan, it’s all about branding. (2015 Washington post 02.08.15 -225) Yes American football has its benefits; it’s an interesting game to play, it has a fantastic fan base in America, it’s a proactive game that earns revenues and bolsters the American culture and society. But I still support the fact that soccer is a better sport than football for the American society.

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