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Essay Outline

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**Thesis:** Mediocrity is a common factor for all human beings, and exceptionality is not as exceptional as many people think.

**Topic:** Mediocrity as Part of Human Nature.

**Evaluation of Position on the Topic:** My position on the topic is that mediocrity is a normal part of human existence. According to the criteria, my view on the subject is adequately supported. It is indeed accurate to state that not every human being can excel in every aspect of their life. People are excellent in some elements, but they fail in some other vital factors of life. For example, someone might be hugely successful in business, but they may be mediocre in forming human connections and relationships.

**Key Categories for Judging the Topic**

 **Body Paragraph One:** Mediocrity is standard and exceptionality involves sacrifice

* Exceptionality involves the sacrifice of a normal life.
* Being average is a normal thing for the vast majority of the human race.
* Being great is common for a few individuals.

Quote: If someone desires to live a great life, then they are forced to neglect or give up the factors that constitute a normal life (https://medium.com/the-mission/the-world-caters-to-average-people-and-mediocre-lifestyles-c10902476843).

**Body Paragraph Two:** Excellent and exceptional people have some degree of mediocrity

* There are successful people in life who have a lot of money but make common mistakes.
* Human beings define mediocrity in the wrong way.
* Mediocrity is equated to a lack of success, which is wrong. Successful people are also mediocre.

Quote: Excellence is equated to the accomplishment of goals while being average is equivalent to lack of achievement. But does life work like that? (https://umairhaque.com/why-mediocrity-and-excellence-arent-what-we-think-they-are-68beba01fcb6)

**Body Paragraph Three:** Society and media promote the notion that mediocrity is terrible and abnormal.

* Media equates success to accomplishments such as wealth.
* Everybody is led to believe that they will grow to be successful since accomplishment is part of normal life.
* People who fail in life view themselves as abnormal.

Quote: The people have been influenced by television to think that they will grow to become millionaires, famous movie actors, or rock stars. However, that is not the case (https://yanngirard.typepad.com/yanns\_blog/2014/11/a-mediocre-life.html).

**Conclusion**

 The fact that I agree with my topic has great significance to the audience. This is because accepting the topic as an accurate statement reveals the true nature of human beings. To an extent, it signifies the change that we would like to see in society. This alteration involves accepting people have an aspect of being average in one thing or another. This is instrumental in helping the human race know that they should not be quick to judge mediocre since it is a normal part of human life.

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