A Not-So-Persuasive Essay

Dessert should always be served before any meats, fruits, and especially vegetables because dessert is definitely the best part of any meal. I mean, who can argue with the yumminess of cookies, cake, and ice cream as compared to spinach or meatloaf? I can't, and I'm sure you can't either. Let me tell you why I think that dessert should always be served first at every meal and you will certainly have to agree with me when I'm done.

First of all, we have the issue of how delicious dessert really is. As far as I can tell, everyone feels this way, so I shouldn't even have to convince you. Anyone who likes vegetables better than dessert is nuts—and I don't mean the kind of nuts you'll find in some chocolate brownies. I have asked most of my friends and they agree with me on this point: dessert tastes better than any other part of a meal. So, why shouldn't we get to enjoy dessert first and the other stuff later? Well, we shouldn't, which is what I'm trying to tell you here.

Aside from how good dessert tastes, we need to talk about how bad other kinds of foods taste in comparison. Nutrition, schmootrition, spinach just plain doesn't taste good and everyone knows it. Besides, if I'm really supposed to eat something as unappetizing as spinach, shouldn't I be allowed to eat an appetizer of double fudge ice cream first? Every restaurant menu I've ever seen serves appetizers, so there's no reason we shouldn't do the same thing at home.

My last point is probably the most important one, so listen up. By putting dessert at the end of a meal, you risk running out of time before you have to go to bed. That's right: all that time you spend eating eggplant, asparagus, and—if you're really unlucky—liver and onions, you could be eating dessert. But instead, due to the unreasonable rules placing dessert at the end of a meal, you sometimes have to wolf it down at an unreasonable pace due to time considerations. I don't know about you, but my bedtime is 9:00 PM sharp, so after spending an hour and a half pushing lima beans around my plate (that makes it look like you've eaten more than you have) I never have enough time to properly enjoy my dessert. That is not only unfair to me, it is also kind of dumb.

In summary, dessert should be eaten first because of the following:

1. It's the best.
2. Other food is very often the worst.
3. It's the only way to enjoy dessert at the leisurely pace in which it should be enjoyed.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I expect our next meal together to reflect the changes I have outlined above.

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