25. Many people feel that American society is too competitive. Does competition lead to better products and results, or does it lead to a focus on winning at all costs? Is fierce competition a good idea or bad idea? Take a position on the issue. Support your response with reasons and examples.

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Restate Prompt: Is fierce competition good or bad?

Thesis Statement: Even though there are benefits to competition in American society, ...

Even though there are disadvantages to competition in American society, ...

Positive Effects of Competition	Negative Effects of Competition
- people set goals and deadlines to achieve	- promotes hostility and negativity in sports, workplace
- makes tasks more engaging/fun lively, spirited, interesting	- promotes aggression, boasting, trash talking, belittling, bullying
- keeps businesses and relationships fair - to motivate equality in pricing	- temporary feelings of superiority
	- breeds stress and anxiety
- forces people to excel - step out of comfort zone	- falsely determines self-worth
	- forces people out of comfort zone
- breaks people free from being average, normal, or complacent	- defeats notion of collaboration
	- not healthy - results in stress, anxiety, negativity
- competitors win! glory, prizes, etc...	
- healthy - encourages vibrance, enthusiasm, positivity	- puts the focus on winning at all costs
- leads to better products & results	