

Counterargument Sentence Frames 1

Alternatives to “_____ believes _____; however, the weakness in that is _____.”

Acknowledge the Opposition

(Part 1)

[Opposing party] + [verb] that . . .

Counter the Opposition

(Part 2)

Opposing Party Examples

- Specific named individual
 - President _____
 - Prime Minister _____
 - Dr. _____, M.D.
 - Pulitzer Prize winner _____
 - Secretary of State _____
 - Professor _____
 - U.S. Senator _____
 - School Board Member _____
- Type of individual or group
 - Opponents
 - Critics
 - Parents
 - Teachers
 - School board members
 - Doctors
 - Scientists
 - Politicians
 - Democrats
 - Republicans
 - Librarians
 - Scientists
 - Pediatricians
 - Superintendents
 - Historians
 - Environmentalists
 - Finance reformers
- Organization
 - National Institute of Health
 - U.S. Congress
 - U.S. Federal Drug Enforcement Agency
 - Center for Disease Control
 - Public Broadcasting Service (PBS)
 - Google
 - Sierra Club
 - United Nations

Verb Options

- affirm/s/ed
- argue
- assert
- believe
- claim
- complain
- concede
- contend
- contradict
- counter
- demonstrate
- deny
- disagree
- disbelieve
- disprove
- dispute
- do not deny
- emphasize
- forbid
- insist
- invalidate
- maintain
- negate
- oppose
- refute
- reject
- show
- suggest

- On the other hand, _____.
- However, the fact remains that _____.
- However, there is little research to support _____.
- What X fails to consider is _____.
- Yet, it is true that _____.
- Alternatively, consider _____.
- The weakness in this claim is that _____.
- Contrary to X’s position is the fact that _____.
- Whereas Xs might believe this, the reality is that _____.
- Whereas this view seems plausible, it has little merit because _____.
- Nevertheless, the evidence concerning _____ refutes the _____.
- I counter this assertion by sharing research about _____.
- Rather than adopt this view, I suggest that _____.
- Alternatively, other sources state that _____.