

REFUTATION CHART

Method of Refutation

Points

<i>Challenging the Problem</i>		Opponent doesn't understand the real issue
		Opponent doesn't deal with the real issue
<i>Challenging the Analysis</i>		Opponent overlooked important parts of issue
		Opponent doesn't understand consequences of issue
		Opponent looking at issue from the wrong angle
		Opponent's argument based on false/fatal assumptions
<i>Problem with authority of evidence</i>		Person is not specialized in the topic
		Person's bias is questionable
		Person's research is not conclusive in results
		Person's research methods is questionable
<i>Problem with statistic</i>		Statistic of too small sample group
		Statistic of too narrow sample group
		Statistic inconsistent with others
		Statistic used biased questions
		Statistic of different group of people
		Statistic is irrelevant
<i>Corollary Argument</i>		Demonstrate opposite results from argument of opponent
		No relationship --> no cause and effect
<i>Minimization/Mitigation</i>		Opponent used extremes to prove case
		Opponent only used isolated incidents
		"So what" - benefits outweigh consequences
		Impact actually good not bad
<i>Special arguments</i>		Opponent is using circular reasoning
		Opponent is appealing to prejudice
		Opponent is appealing to habit/ritual
		Opponent is contradicting previous argument/speech
		Opponent's principles lead to unwanted precedent
		Opponent's actions will inevitable lead to bad results
		Opponent's suggestions of 2 options false, 3rd available

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