

The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in shades of blue, red, and white. The flag appears to be waving or draped.

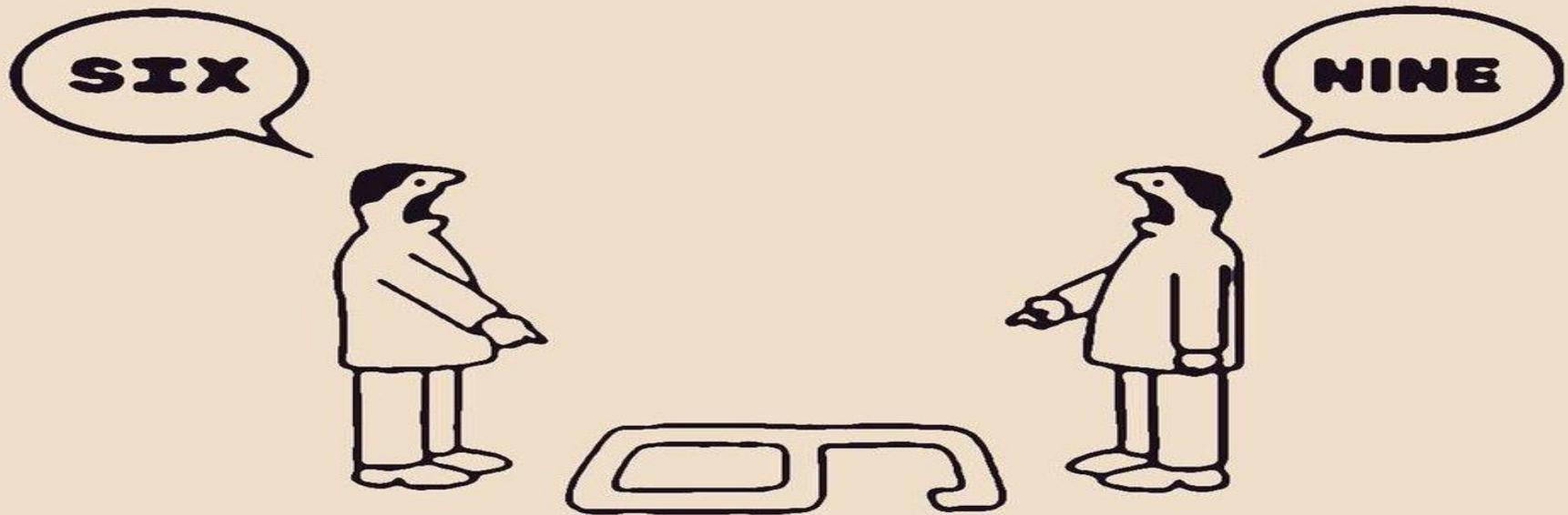
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

Claim

Evidence

And

Reasoning



~~Just because you are right,
does not mean, I am wrong.~~

But one of those people is wrong, someone painted a six or a nine, they need to back up and orient themselves, see if there are any other numbers to align with. Maybe there's a driveway or a building to face, or they can ask someone who actually knows.

People having an uniformed opinion about something they don't understand and proclaiming their opinion as being equally valid as facts is what is ruining the world. No one wants to do any research, they just want to be right.

CCLAIM

**The entire paragraph will support this ONE idea, point, or opinion. This sentence is also called the “topic sentence” or the “main idea.”
This sentence is the direct response to a given prompt.**

If your topic is not well-known, you must provide some background information. You can provide a definition or summary. What does my audience need to know? This section clarifies or adds further information about the main idea. This step may include more than one sentence if it needs more clarification.

EEVIDENCE

A sentence which supports your main claim with a specific example from text or the real world

To start, introduce where the information comes from. Next, it will include a direct quotation, a statistic, or a paraphrase. Lastly, you need a parenthetical citation with the author's last name and the placement of the evidence. The parenthetical citation ALWAYS goes directly before the very end of the sentence.

- **Book / magazine / short story = page number**
- **Poem / song = line number**
- **TV show / video / film = time**

AND REASONING

How does this information support the main idea? How do I interpret this evidence to support my claim? Use your own thoughts to LINK or CONNECT the evidence to the claim

More than one sentence should be used here

Optional, but USEFUL:

Closing statement (also known as the **claim reminder**): Restates the claim but **uses different phrasing**; reinforces the main idea, point, or opinion

PUTTING IT TOGETHER

CLAIM: Private citizens have no need for owning or possessing semi-automatic weapons that use high capacity magazines due to the fact mass casualties can be inflicted upon the general population in the blink of an eye.

EVIDENCE: According to a *Washington Post* article, “Another Mass Shooting,” by Irwin Fletcher, in the United States, the highest casualty rates for mass shootings involved the use of assault-style weapons in 70% of situations (11). In places such as San Bernardino, California, Aurora, Colorado and Newton, Connecticut, several people were killed as a result of mass shootings in which an assault weapon, capable of firing many rounds in a short amount of time, was used (13).

REASONING: The use of assault style weapons, which utilize high capacity magazines, can put the general public in the cross-hairs of a mass casualty situation. As the evidence suggests, the use of these weapons is used, more often than not, to inflict significant carnage.

PARAGRAPH FORM

Private citizens have no need for owning or possessing semi-automatic weapons that use high capacity magazines due to the fact mass casualties can be inflicted upon the general population in the blink of an eye. According to a *Washington Post* article, “Another Mass Shooting,” by Irwin Fletcher, in the United States, the highest casualty rates for mass shootings involved the use of assault-style weapons in 70% of situations (11). In places such as San Bernardino, California, Aurora, Colorado and Newton, Connecticut, several people were killed as a result of mass shootings in which an assault weapon, capable of firing many rounds in a short amount of time, was used (13). The use of assault style weapons, which utilize high capacity magazines, can put the general public in the cross-hairs of a mass casualty situation. As the evidence suggests, the use of these weapons is used, more often than not, to inflict significant carnage.

PARAGRAPH FORM

Private citizens have no need for owning or possessing semi-automatic weapons that use high capacity magazines due to the fact mass casualties can be inflicted upon the general population in the blink of an eye. According to a *Washington Post* article, “Another Mass Shooting,” by Irwin Fletcher, in the United States, the highest casualty rates for mass shootings involved the use of assault-style weapons in 70% of situations (11). As the evidence suggests, the use of these weapons is used, more often than not, to inflict significant carnage. Fletcher also states, in places such as San Bernardino, California, Aurora, Colorado and Newton, Connecticut, several people were killed as a result of mass shootings in which an assault weapon, capable of firing many rounds in a short amount of time, was used (13). The use of assault style weapons, which utilize high capacity magazines, can put the general public in the cross-hairs of a mass casualty situation.

In-text Citations - Websites

General Guidelines

- In-text references should immediately follow the title, word, or phrase to which they are directly relevant, rather than appearing at the end of long clauses or sentences. In-text references should always precede punctuation marks. Below are examples of using in-text citation.

Author's name in parentheses:

- One study found that the most important element in comprehending non-native speech is familiarity with the topic (Gass & Varonis, 1984).

Author's name part of narrative:

- Gass and Varonis (1984) found that the most important element in comprehending non-native speech is familiarity with the topic.

Website In-text Citations

Cite web pages in text as you would any other source, using the author and date if known. **If the author is not known, use the title** and the date as the in-text citation (for long titles just use the first few words). Your in-text citation should lead your reader to the corresponding entry in the reference list. **For sources with no date use n.d.**(for no date) in place of the year: (Smith, n.d.). Below are examples of using in-text citation with web pages.

Web page with author:

In-text citation

Role-play can help children learn techniques for coping with bullying (Kraiser, 2011).

Reference entry

Kraizer, S. (2011). Preventing bullying. Retrieved from <http://safechild.org/categoryparents/preventing-bullying/>

Web page with no author:

In-text citation

The term Nittany Lion was coined by Penn State football player Joe Mason in 1904 ("All things Nittany," 2006).

Reference entry

All things Nittany. (2006). Retrieved from <http://www.psu.edu/ur/about/nittanymascot.html>

Web page with no date:

In-text citation

Establishing regular routines, such as exercise, can help survivors of disasters recover from trauma (American Psychological Association [APA], n.d.).

Reference entry

American Psychological Association. (n.d.). Recovering emotionally from disaster. Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/recovering-disasters.aspx>