

**Figure 5.12: Counterargument Sentence Frames**

Acknowledge the Opposition (Part 1) [Opposing party] + [verb] that . . .		Counter the Opposition (Part 2)
Opposing Party Examples	Verb Options	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific individual (Dr. _____, Professor _____, Senator _____)</li> <li>• Type of individual or group (opponents, proponents, critics, parents, politicians, environmentalists)</li> <li>• Name of organization (National Institutes of Health, Facebook, North Central High School)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• affirm</li> <li>• argue</li> <li>• assert</li> <li>• believe</li> <li>• claim</li> <li>• complain</li> <li>• concede</li> <li>• contend</li> <li>• contradict</li> <li>• counter</li> <li>• demonstrate</li> <li>• deny</li> <li>• disagree</li> <li>• disbelieve</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• disprove</li> <li>• dispute</li> <li>• do not deny</li> <li>• emphasize</li> <li>• forbid</li> <li>• insist</li> <li>• invalidate</li> <li>• maintain</li> <li>• negate</li> <li>• oppose</li> <li>• refute</li> <li>• reject</li> <li>• show</li> <li>• suggest</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the other hand, _____.</li> <li>• However, there is little research to support _____.</li> <li>• Alternatively, consider _____.</li> <li>• Alternatively, other sources state that _____.</li> <li>• The weakness in _____ is that _____.</li> <li>• Contrary to X's position is the fact that _____.</li> <li>• Nevertheless, the evidence concerning _____ refutes the _____.</li> <li>• Rather than adopt this view, consider _____.</li> </ul>

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