



Argument Essays

The Counterargument/
Refutation



Sentence 1: The counterargument sentence

Nevertheless, However + some opponents/critics may argue/assert/claim /contend/maintain that + objection.

Nevertheless, some opponents may argue that some users are at risk of having their accounts hacked into for personal details.



Sentence 2: Transition sentence

Counterargument:

Nevertheless, some opponents may argue that some users are at risk of having their accounts hacked into for personal details

Transition sentence:

*It may be true that +
paraphrase of
counterargument.*

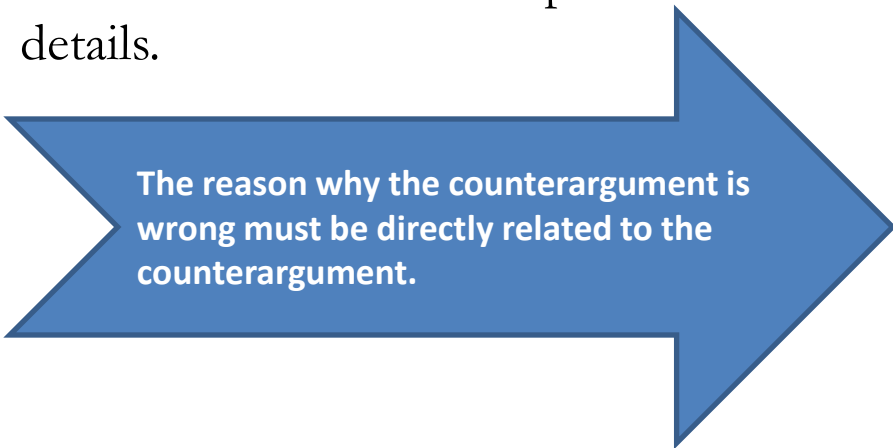
It may be true that social networking sites might pose some security risks.



Sentence 3: Refutation topic sentence

Counterargument:

Some opponents may argue that some users are at risk of having their accounts hacked into for personal details.



The reason why the counterargument is wrong must be directly related to the counterargument.

Topic sentence:

*However/Nevertheless +
reason why
counterargument is wrong.*

However, people can easily protect themselves from this security threat by activating the secure browsing option.



Sentence 4: Add expert evidence

Major support:

One of the main ways to do so is by using the privacy settings.

Expert evidence:

Edward Jones (2011), the author of the article “How to Use Twitter Safely,” writes that this safety measure will keep most potential hackers out.

Do not forget to cite the author and date of publication of the article. If you do not know the author, cite the name of the article. If you do not know the date of publication, write “n.d.”



Sentence 5: Explain the expert evidence

Topic sentence:

People can easily protect themselves from this security threat by activating the secure browsing option.

Explanation:

Users automatically limit all external applications from accessing information from the social media account. that are integrated with the social media site from doing any harm or taking personal information without the users knowledge or approval.



Sentence 6: Add examples/statistics

Major support:

One of the main ways to do so is by activating the secure browsing option.

Sentence 6

One study found that activating the secure browsing option cut down on hacking by 50% (Srinivasin, 2013).

Even if you paraphrase ideas that are not your own, you **MUST** cite the author and date of publication of the article where you found the information.



Sentence 7: Add analysis sentence

Topic sentence:

People can easily protect themselves from this security threat by activating the secure browsing option.

Analysis (inference):

Hence, the problem of security for the users of social networking sites can be solved if people remember to use secure browsing.



Advice: What to do if you do not have 125-150 words in your paragraph

- Add another major support with its minor supports
- Add more examples
- Add more statistics

Moreover, users of social networking sites need to be careful about whom they are adding to their friend list. People should also be careful before adding any new friends. Jeff Davidson (2011), a member of the Facebook team writes that people should not add any persons as “friends” if they do not know them. In this way they would not have to take the risk of adding an unknown person.



Model counterargument/refutation paragraph

Nevertheless, some opponents may argue that social networking sites may harm users. It may be true that social networking sites might pose some security risks. However, people can easily protect themselves from this security threat by activating the secure browsing option. Edward Jones (2011), the author of the article “How to Use Twitter Safely,” writes that this safety measure will keep most potential hackers out. Users automatically limit all external applications from accessing information from the social media account. that are integrated with the social media site from doing any harm or taking personal information without the users knowledge or approval. One study found that activating the secure browsing option cut down on hacking by 50% (Srinivasin, 2013). Hence, the problem of security for the users of social networking sites can be solved if people remember to use secure browsing. (140 words)