

Controversial Speech Outline Structure: Topic

- I. Introduction
 - A. Hook (interesting fact, rhetorical question, statistic, anecdote)
 - B. Transition to Thesis (explanation about what this has to do with your topic)
 - C. Thesis (including your topic, stance and your three main points or reasons)

- II. Main Point #1
 - A. Identification of the main point
 - B. Explanation of main point with cited research information—vary in-text or parenthetical citation(s)*
 - C. Counterargument—vary in-text or parenthetical citation(s)**
 - D. Response to counterargument—vary in-text or parenthetical citation(s)**
 - E. Summation of main point

- III. Main Point #2
 - A. Identification of the main point
 - B. Further explanation of main point with cited research information—vary in-text or parenthetical citation(s)*
 - C. Counterargument —vary in-text or parenthetical citation(s)**
 - D. Response to counterargument** —vary in-text or parenthetical citation(s)**
 - E. Summation of main point

IV. Main Point #3

- A. Identification of the main point
- B. Explanation of the main point with cited research information—vary in-text or parenthetical citation(s)*
- C. Counterargument—vary in-text or parenthetical citation(s)**
- D. Response to counterargument—vary in-text or parenthetical citation(s)**
- E. Summation of main point

V. Conclusion

- A. Hook revisit (refer back to the hook used in the introduction)
- B. Creative thesis restatement and visit of main points
- C. Call to action (inform the audience of what they need to do, think, etc.)

*Paraphrase and summarize the bulk of your research to support each main point's argument. Surgically "quote keywords or phrases" that cannot be stated any better.

**Minimum of one counterargument and response per speech and can appear anywhere in the main point