

- **Consider this: It is the role of society to provide financially for those citizens who cannot provide for themselves.
(Agree? Disagree? – Why?)**

- How do you make a concession paragraph?
 - Acknowledge opposing viewpoints and explain why they don't work/aren't valid
 - Directly address the opposition through an argument of your own
 - Opposing arguments/claims are rebutted/disproven (in the following example, this is done through rhetorical questions)

Acknowledge/Explain

- Many people argue that it is the role of society to provide financially for those citizens who cannot provide for themselves. Their argument insists that, in providing for these citizens, the government should offer them the financial means to better their situation and possibly find gainful employment.

Direct Claim in Opposition

- I disagree with this viewpoint because providing this kind of financial assistance actually has the opposite of its intended effect.

Counter Argument

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Structure

- Hamburger paragraph
 1. Make a claim
 2. Explain the opposition/Acknowledge the opposition
 3. Counter the opposition
- Sometimes, the claim is wrapped into the acknowledgement of the opposition. That is okay. However, readers still need to be able to see that the writer's claim is distinctly different than that of the opposition.