

# **INTRODUCTION**

- **QUESTION:**
  - Should we mention the sides' main points in the Introduction?
  
- **ANSWER:**
  - As items in a series:
    - The three most significant arguments raised by proponents include .... Further, the three most argued points raised by opponents concern.....
    - And then you'd devote a BODY paragraph to each argument.
  
- Outside of the Introduction, no, I don't see something like that fitting in. The Intro'd the best place for it:
  - introduce the issue
  - identify the 2 sides
  - ID their main points
  - end with a THESIS QUESTION: Thus, we are still left with the question: Should we or shouldn't we ....?
  
- **SAMPLE INTRO:**

One of the most heated issues in the news lately has been (*topic*). It has split Americans almost right down the middle. Proponents of (*topic*) argue that (*list as items in a series*). Conversely, opponents claim (*list as items in a series*). Neither side has truly won the day, leaving most citizens asking, Should we (*legalize*) or should we (*keep criminalized*) \_\_\_?