

ROGERIAN METHOD



BACKGROUND

- ▶ Psychologist **Carl Rogers**
- ▶ suggests writers should mention
- ▶ the opposing side of an issue
 - Fully
 - Fairly
 - Objectively

BACKGROUND

▶ the opposing side of an issue

○ Fully:

- no key points omitted
- no “Card Stacking”

○ Fairly:

- no disservice, slanting, distortion
- no misrepresentation

○ Objectively:

- no personal opinion
- no bias

PURPOSE

- ▶ to gain credibility
- ▶ to build Ethos
- ▶ to present a complete vision of the issue

LOCATION

- ▶ basically, the opposing view can appear in several positions in your essay
 - Introduction
 - Body
 - Conclusion

LOCATION

▶ Introduction:

- as a way of backgrounding the issue
- or segueing to your point

▶ Conclusion:

- as a way of wrapping up
- as a way of setting up your reiteration of your main points

LOCATION

▶ Body:

- **all main points**

- Body Par. #1
- *immediately* after the Introduction

▶ Body:

- **a single opposing point**

- *before* each point
 - as a way of transitioning to or introducing a point
- *after* each point
 - as a way of “warranting” the point

ESSAY ORGANIZATION

▶ I. INTRODUCTION

- **status of the situation**
 - “State of the Union” regarding the issue
 - “General Context” of issue
- **remain neutral and objective**

ESSAY ORGANIZATION

▶ II. SIDE ONE

- **presented**
 - fully,
 - fairly, *and*
 - objectively presented
- **each point = a fully developed paragraph**
 - Name (Sub-Claim)
 - Explain
 - Illustrate (Grounds)
 - Reiterate (Warrant)

ESSAY ORGANIZATION

▶ III. SIDE TWO

- **presented**
 - fully,
 - fairly, *and*
 - objectively presented
- **each point = a fully developed paragraph**
 - Name (Sub-Claim)
 - Explain
 - Illustrate (Grounds)
 - Reiterate (Warrant)

ESSAY ORGANIZATION

▶ IV. CONCLUSION

- now you get *subjective*
 - analyze, evaluate the data
 - draw conclusions based on the previous information
 - **Weaknesses**
 - (fallacies)
 - **Strengths**
 - (Logos, Pathos, Ethos)
- ****end with SIDE THREE****