

What do we already know?

- At least two subpoints
- Varies by questions - Problem, solution, impact is one style - Status quo change, impact is another
- Main points not just data - also includes warrants, and impacts
- Substructure happens within a main point

Why?

- Helps the judge follow your argument
- Often makes your point longer
- Helps you memorize points
- Helps you to memorize sources

Style 1 - Problem/Cause/Solution

- a. What is the problem
- b. What is causing the problem
- c. Solutions

Q - What can the international community do to stabilize Venezuela's economic crisis?

A - Put pressure on current government

1. Pressure on Maduro to make him leave will improve econ
2. Pressure to pay off foreign creditors
3. Pressure to diversify econ
 - a. Problem - Depend on oil - might be less oil in future, discourages investors, boom/bust cycle
 - b. Cause - Government, government investment in oil, govt corruption
 - c. Solution - Sanction oil specifically, or stabilizing currency

Style 2 - Past/Present/Future

- a. Past
- b. Present
- c. Future

Q - What impact would a “hard Brexit” have on the global economy?

General improvement of global economy

A. Improve the EU economy

Past - In the past, Britain harmed the EU by leading

Present – Brexit would force Britain to disengage from Europe

Future - Without Britain, EU would encourage other leaders

B. British Autonomy - Britain will do fine on own

C. Diversify global economy

Style 3 - Status Quo, Change, Impact

- a. Status Quo - What is happening right now?
- b. Change - What changes when the question happens?
- c. Impact - Is the change good or bad? Why?

Q - Is Maduro's government headed for a collapse?

A - Yes, because of international pressure

- 1. Sanctioning oil
- 2. Questioning his legitimacy
- 3. Endorsing opposition leaders
 - a. Status Quo - Without endorsements, Maduro would have crushed opposition leaders (Juan Guaido)
 - b. Change - Endorsement forces Maduro's focus, makes his allies question him
 - c. Impact - Will eventually collapse the regime

Q - How should Democrats counter the political advantage of a booming economy when facing Trump in 2020?

Focus on future of economy (long term)

- A. Lack of wage growth
- B. Probability of recession
- C. Trade

Status Q - Burning bridges of allies with protectionism

Change - Democrat would restore "international cooperation"

Impact - Voters would lose trust in protectionism, vote for a democrat

