


PUBLIC SPEAKING



DEBATE

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Preparing Evidence

Evidence

1. Evidence quotations are often called "cards"
2. Evidence qualifies and supports an argument
3. Used by both the AFF and NEG

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Components of Evidence "Card"

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tag line 2. Citation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Author • Date • Journal or website • Title of article 3. Evidence/Quotation | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Remember <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't just read evidence • Explain its significance and how it relates to the point being made |
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Evidence "Card" (cont.)

Tag Line

- A phrase or sentence to summarize the quotation
- Should be short and to the point, usually no more than one sentence

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Tag → **Middle East politics not a problem for oil supplies**

Cite → *Prof. M.A. Adelman (economics, Mass. Inst. of Tech.), "The Real Oil Problem," Spring 2004, REGULATION, p. 19*

Evidence → Another tenet of conventional wisdom is that the United States' energy supply is precarious because we must buy oil from Middle Eastern nations who do not like us. This tenet is no more accurate than the other "wisdoms" we have considered so far. Most oil moves by sea, and ships can be diverted from one destination to another relatively easily. Moreover, much additional oil can be diverted from land shipment to sea. Hence, it is fairly easy to reroute shipments of oil from nations that have a sufficient supply to nations that are experiencing a shortage.

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