

2nd OO OUTLINE - Cause/Effect

TITLE of your Speech:

INTRODUCTION (Introduces your **Thesis) (300 words MAX):**

AGD: I'm Indian. One of the three pillars of my culture besides bad Bollywood movies and tikka masala is comparison. But I know whether you're South Asian or not, you all have a Pooja Auntie in your life. You'll be chilling at the family function when she jumpscares you with that gummy smile which usually means it's time to get grilled by a five foot nothing woman with a terrifying determination to know every detail of your life. Just last month, mine asked me why I wasn't prepping for the LSAT like cousin Pranav. Pranav is fresh out of sixth grade, by the way.

Bridge: and maybe pooja auntie is funny in anecdotes because we recognize her. she is familiar. but what happens when pooja auntie stops being one woman at a family gathering and becomes the voice of an entire society telling us that there is always something we should be doing, achieving, fixing, or becoming?

Thesis: and that is what i am worried about- that today, we measure human worth by achievement, appearance, and productivity, sacrificing our well-being to meet standards that were never truly designed to be satisfied. (too long)

(Optional) Clarification of Thesis:

Statement of Significance: your mum

Roadmap:

(Optional) Because Statement: because humans are beautiful, intricate, infinite creatures with endless attributes – (idk)

CAUSES (Explains **Why) (300 words MAX):**

Transition it: but from our beloved pooja auntie archetypes to the influencers who wake up at three fifty nine am specifically to dunk their faces in Saratoga spring water, we all have some sort of external pressure that convinces us that we aren't enough.

Explain it: I call this the Pooja Auntie syndrome... (pooja auntie syndrome is not about having demanding parents or an annoying relative it is the larger cultural expectation that our lives should constantly be improving and that our value can be demonstrated through measurable accomplishments)

Prove it: do i look like the expert here

Topic Sentence A: social media has made comparison nearly unavoidable because we are constantly presented with curated versions of other people's lives

Topic Sentence B: meritocracy turns structural problems into personal failures. (if you work hard enough, you will get what you deserve) SHOULD I PUT THIS IN EFFECTS IDUNNO

Impact it:

we don't ask "am i happy?" we ask "am i ahead?" and once your worth becomes a scoreboard, there is no end to the competition. pooja auntie can always find another cousin.

EFFECTS (Explains the Harms) (300 words MAX):

Transition it:

Explain it: perpetual inadequacy

Prove it:

Topic Sentence A: we become our own surveillance systems (insecurity + monitoring ourselves constantl)

Topic Sentence B: instead of asking why some people have dramatically more opportunities than others, we ask what the unsuccessful person did wrong (meritocratic beliefs) HOW DO I DO THIS HELP IS THIS EVEN RELEVANT if it is use the american dream as yo ejemplo

Impact it:

PATHOS (Emotional Appeal) (250 words MAX):

This is where i talk about how im trying to kill pooja auntie except i had become my OWN pooja auntie (METAPHORICALLY)

SOLUTIONS (Explains how we Solve) (300 words MAX):

Transition it: so i can't think of anything that isn't already printed on a candle and sold for 38 dollars at tjmaxx

First Solution:

Second Solution:

(Optional) Third Solution:

CONCLUSION (Wraps up with Call to Action) (150 words MAX):

I have no clue but i have a pretty hard line to throw out

and the next time pooja auntie asks me what i'm doing with my life, i think i'll finally have an answer: i'm living it. and for once, that doesn't need to be enough for anyone but me