

Time: 40-45 minutes if you do all three topics

Goal: to get people comfortable arguing for sides that are difficult to argue for.

Format of the drill:

1. Give them the first topic + side below
2. Give them the first topic below
3. Have them think for 5 minutes about possible offensive arguments for that topic and side
4. Have everyone share their arguments
5. Repeat this for the second and third topic and sides

Topics/sides:

- THS need blind admissions (OPP)
- THP a life with no friends to a life with many friends (GOV)
- You are an over-qualified chemistry teacher living in New Mexico. You have a wife, a teenage son, and a daughter on the way. Your brother-in-law is an agent with the Drug Enforcement Agency, and he has just been shot. Your wife offered to pay for his medical care (since he could not afford it), so now your family is hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt. You know that you have the ability to create and make huge profits from methamphetamine. THW produce and sell meth. (GOV)
- You are a middle-aged person whose family runs the Bluth Company – a corrupt corporation. You spend most of your time – work life and personal – with your family, but you consider yourself the only “honorable” member. You are at a company party on a boat, and you know that you are about to be named the new CEO of the Bluth Company. Suddenly, you see boats with sirens; it’s the Securities and Exchange Commission (yes, the SEC has boats). The SEC has come to arrest your father, who is the current CEO of the Bluth Company, for fraud, and will investigate other members of the family as well. You have crucial information that will likely exonerate yourself, but may also implicate other members of your family. THW not cooperate with the SEC. (GOV)
- TH, as a parent, W not give their kids gifts for the holidays (GOV)
- THBT inflation is good in the long run (GOV)