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Counter Argument Handout

Directions: Fill in the questions below. You are going to prepare a ROUGH draft of your counter-argument, but this may not be what you use after you hear the person's presentation. This is just so you have SOMETHING prepared to say, but you may adjust or ditch it altogether when you hear the person's entire argument.

1. Read your chosen person's thesis carefully. Write down your person's argument in your own words just to make sure you understand it. If you really do not understand what the person is arguing, you can turn to them and ask.

The U.S should not intervene at all with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict going on.

2. Research the topic a bit to learn about it. You don't have to write anything down.

3. Write down the specific point you would like to counter OR a point that was missing from the argument that you feel would be important to address. In other words, what is your counterargument going to be? If you can't think of anything, you may also want to ask the person to see their sources.

4. Prepare a rough counter argument below. When you say your counter argument out loud, use something close to the following structure:

Restate the person's argument in your own words. ("I understand that you are arguing...")

I understand that you are arguing that the US should not intervene at all with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in any way.

State your concerns with the argument (You can choose a big concern you have that was not addressed, or you could comment on one of the subtopics, or you could look at the quality of the sources.)

Insert your own piece of evidence (You can get this from the person's sources or through your own research or your own knowledge)
Commentary/Summarize point
Let speaker respond.

Us should help israel in order to have an allie in the import of oil

The us should intervene in order to boost economic growth in the us since the middle east provides the majority of the oil used in factories/industries in america

Since you dont want the US to intervene in this conflict, how do you expect for the US and palestine to continue being allies?