

### English 135: Evaluating Claims

Claim	Qualifications	Revised Claim
Cloning should be prohibited because it is wrong for human's to "pay God"	<input type="checkbox"/> Arguable <input type="checkbox"/> Specific <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic	Not specific – how could this claim be supported
In order to represent the interests of voters more accurately, give votes a wider selection of candidates, and provide a stronger voice for minority issues, the government should adopt the single transferable vote electoral model.	<input type="checkbox"/> Arguable <input type="checkbox"/> Specific <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic	Arguable, specific, realistic
<i>The Simpsons</i> is a much funnier sitcom than <i>Family Guy</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/> Arguable <input type="checkbox"/> Specific <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic	Borderline not arguable (personal opinion) and not specific – if you listed criteria for "funniness" it could work
Having a Twitter account today is essential if you want to be successful in business.	<input type="checkbox"/> Arguable <input type="checkbox"/> Specific <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic	Not realistic – many successful businesses are not on Twitter, not everyone has access to Twitter
The Wii is a more popular gaming system than the Xbox 360 or PlayStation 4.	<input type="checkbox"/> Arguable <input type="checkbox"/> Specific <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic	Not arguable – statement of fact
Fighting should be banned from all levels of hockey.	<input type="checkbox"/> Arguable <input type="checkbox"/> Specific <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic	Not realistic or specific
Internet dating services are an innovative, convenient, and affordable alternative to the singles scene.	<input type="checkbox"/> Arguable <input type="checkbox"/> Specific <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic	Arguable, specific, realistic
The culture of consumerism is responsible for many of the problems that our world faces today.	<input type="checkbox"/> Arguable <input type="checkbox"/> Specific <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic	Not specific
There needs to be legal guidelines for genetic testing because it may threaten our privacy, lead to harmful gene therapy, and have dangerous social costs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Arguable <input type="checkbox"/> Specific <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic	Arguable, specific, realistic
Because of the dangerousness of the sport utility vehicle, people should have to prove that they really need an SUV before being permitted to purchase one.	<input type="checkbox"/> Arguable <input type="checkbox"/> Specific <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic	Not realistic

## English 135: Warrants

**Claim:** The allocation of resources for lung transplant recipients should be maintained at its present level.

**Evidence:** Just over 50% of lung transplant recipients have a five-year survival rate.

**Warrant: Resource allocation will not change survival rate.**

**Claim:** President Washington should be applauded for his policies on minority owned businesses.

**Evidence:** The New York Times reports that more minorities own businesses today than ever before.

**Warrant: The New York Times is the leading reliable source on minority business and owning a business = support from President**

**Claim:** Any American can grow up to be president.

**Evidence:** Bill Clinton came from a poor town in a poor state to be president.

**Warrant: If someone from less fortunate circumstances can do something, everyone can**

**Claim:** The school system itself promotes racial tension in its effort to provide America's children with a good education.

**Evidence:** There's a lot of racial tension in many schools these days.

**Warrant: School system is responsible for tension**

**Claim:** I think you should join my t'ai chi class

**Evidence:** T'ai chi clears the mind and brings peace to the soul.

**Warrant: You want a clear mind and a peaceful soul**

**Claim:** Forks were not used in France in the fifteenth century.

**Evidence:** Paintings of banquets from that period show no forks on the tables or people eating with them.

**Warrant: Paintings are an accurate depiction of reality**

**Claim:** The Vancouver Canucks are the worst hockey team in history.

**Evidence:** They have never won a Stanley Cup.

**Warrant: Winning a Stanley Cup equates to greatness**