

Thirteen reasons why... you're wrong!

In this chapter, we're going to be learning about lines of attack for the opposition.

We've seen how to make a case for change. However, not all change is good. Sometimes change needs to be stopped. If you're the opposition in a policy debate, your job is to persuade people to reject the proposed change.

Here are thirteen ways you can do this;

thirteen lines of attack.

1. The problem addressed by the motion doesn't exist. (There's nothing wrong with **NOW**.)
2. The definition of the problem is wrong. (**NOW** is bad, but not for the reasons you say.)
3. The action proposed by the motion won't lead to a solution of the problem. (**ACTION** won't get us to **THEN**.)
4. The action is impractical. (**ACTION** won't work.)
5. Even if the action works, it is inherently wrong in itself (**ACTION** is immoral / undesirable.)
6. The action will only cause more problems in the long run (**ACTION** will make a **THEN** that is worse than **NOW**.)
7. The solution proposed is inherently wrong in itself. (**THEN** is immoral / undesirable.)
8. There's a different, more important problem. (There's a worse **NOW** somewhere else.)
9. The solution won't be any better than what we have now. (**THEN** will be no better than **NOW**.)
10. There is a better solution to the problem. (Our **ACTION** will get from **NOW** to **THEN** better than yours.)
11. There is no solution to the problem. (You're never going to get to **THEN**.)
12. The solution has already been tried and has failed. (The **ACTION** didn't get from **NOW** to **THEN** in the past, so it won't now.)
13. The problem will go away without the solution you propose. (We'll get from **NOW** to **THEN** without **ACTION**.)

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