

Ankara Üniversitesi Açık Ders Notları

PHI 106 CRITICAL THINKING

TOPIC 7:

Counter-Arguments:

objection to a given argument

An argument whose conclusion in some way counters that of another argument.

Counterargument presents an alternative explanation for a given phenomenon.

Can be an alternative (both can be true) or challenge (both cant be true).

Identifying the issue of contention:

What is the issue?

Addressing the same point.

Possible disagreements:

Facts, interpretation, definiton,evaluation, recommendation

The issue is whether or not

What wold resolve the disagreement? (what the disagreement is about)

Clearly articulate the issue (not the general idea)

The Burden of Proof:

Responsibility of providing truth

Providing supportive evidence for the claim

is on the person making the claim.

(on positive claims)

Burden changes on negative claims.

More extraordinary claims need more extraordinary proofs.

(From Peg Tittle's Critical Thinking Textbook)