

Claim of Policy Argument

What is a claim of policy argument?

This is an argument that advocates that a course of action or a policy should be adopted to solve a problem. So, claim of policy arguments offer answers to questions such as:

- What should we do about it?
- How should we act?
- What should our future policy be?
- How can we solve this problem?

What are the important parts of the claim of policy argument?

- Convince the audience that a problem exists
- Consider opposing arguments
- Provide data/evidence that show the benefits of the claim

Basic outline of the claim of policy

Introduction Section

- Broad overview of the topic:
 - Present the problem that exists and why the discussion is so important, and include statistics, which can help convince the reader.
 - Discuss any current solutions or policies addressing the problem that are not working
 - What is the alternative or viable solution: your claim/thesis?

Body

- Expand on your introduction:
 - Discuss the problem in detail and current solutions/policies that are not working, if any, and why?
 - Discuss your solution in detail, explaining specific steps and why it would be effective.
 - Discuss possible counterarguments

Conclusion

- Restate your introduction and summarize points discussed in the body of your paper

Note: For this assignment you need to include at least three (3) images, and an annotated bibliography.

Claim of Policy Argument Synthesis-Audio or Video

When you submit your claim of policy argument paper, you should also attach a file with a 3 minute video or audio, which should respond to the following questions:

- (a) Explain the social problem that you chose to discuss in your argument paper.
- (b) Explain current solutions to this problem, if any.
- (c) Explain your proposed solution to the social problem (new solution or solution that you think will work best).

IMAGES, FIGURES AND TABLES

It is important to note that the guidelines available in the APA manual are relatively limited. We have analysed the guidelines closely, contacted the APA Style Editor and consulted the APA blog to provide the following guidance. In this guide the word figure refers to all images including, Photographs, Paintings, Drawings, Charts, Diagrams, Graphs, Tables, etc

Any image used in your assignment requires a caption. If the image is not your own work it also requires an in-text citation to the original source.

A caption should include

- The word *Figure* (with a capital letter and in italics)
- A number (from 1, in numerical order)
- A title for the figure or brief description of the work
- An in-text citation for the reference of the source (if not your own work), which includes the Author(s), date and page number for the source, i.e. (Smith, 2010, p.13)

If you got the image from

- **A BOOK**, reference it as you would a quotation from a book
- **A JOURNAL**, reference as you would a quotation from a journal
- **A WEB PAGE**, reference it as you would a quotation from a web page

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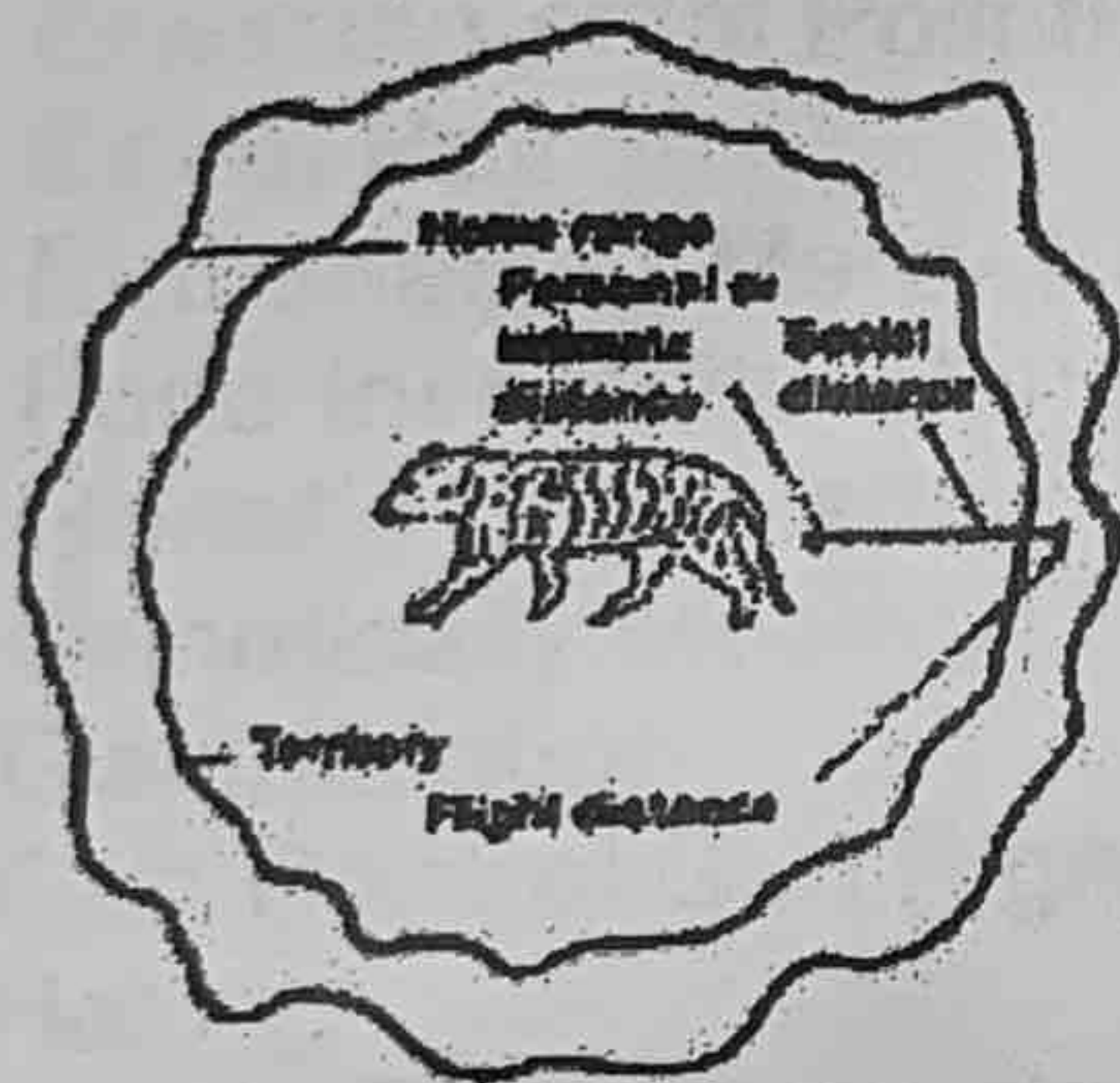


Figure 1. Social distances of animals (Fowler, 2008, p. 13)

Reference

Fowler, M. (2008). *Restraint and handling of wild and domestic animals* (3rd ed.). Ames, IA: Wiley Blackwell.

Image taken from a journal



Figure 2. Male holotype of *Hypsiboas gladiator* (Kohler et al., 2010, p. 584).

Reference

Kohler, J., Koscinski, D., Padial, J. M., Chaparro, J. C., Handford, P., Loughheed, S. C., & Riva, I. (2010). Systematics of Andean gladiator frogs of the *Hypsiboas pulchellus* species group (Annoyer, Hylidae). *Zoologica Scripta*, 39(6), 572-590. doi:10.1111/j.1463-6409.2010.00448.x

Topics for Claim of Policy Argument:

- Affirmative Action
- Ageism / Age Discrimination
- Airport Screening Procedures
- Alcoholism
- Binge Drinking
- Campus Crime
- Chemical Weapons
- Child Abuse
- Child Labor
- Classism
- Cloning
- Cloud Hacking/Computer Hacking
- Corporal Punishment
- Corporate Downsizing
- Cyber Bullying
- Disaster Relief
- Disability Rights
- Disease
- Domestic Violence
- Dream Act
- Eating Disorders
- Environmental Pollution
- Equal Pay
- Euthanasia / Mercy Killing / Assisted Suicide
- Food Insecurity Gang Violence
- Genetic Engineering
- Genetically Modified Food
- Gentrification
- Gun Control Gun Rights/Hate Crimes
- Hazing
- Health Care Disparities or reform
- Home Foreclosures
- Human Rights
- Human Trafficking
- Identify Theft
- Immigration Issues: Refugees, border control/illegal immigration, Visa/Naturalization process
- Mental Illness/Mental Health
- Meth Labs (Methamphetamine Laboratories)
- Militarization of Police
- Minimum Wage
- Obesity
- Opioid overdose crisis
- Organ and Body Donation
- Prison System/ Criminal Justice
- Police Militarization
- Poverty and Homelessness
- Problems with Law Enforcement: Police brutality or unfair treatment of police offers
- Racial Disparities in society
- Right to Work
- Smoking / Tobacco Use
- Social Networking and Privacy

Outline- Claim of Policy

(1) Topic:

(2) Why is this a social problem?

(3) Current solution to social problem that is not working (counterargument). Explain why it is not working.

(4) Proposed solution to social problem, which you think will work (claim).

(5) Steps you propose to implement this solution, which you think will work.