Refutation and Rebuttal
* Rebuttal is key to making your own arguments seem more significant and persuasive than your opponents’

* Engaging with your opponent’s material is what often will win a debate
* The most elemental part of an argument

* If you can undermine the assumption, you undermine the entire argument

* Most effective way of rebutting

* Ex: Equality is desirable
* It can be strategically beneficial to build your opponent’s argument for them

* Run towards the difficult links

* Even if....

* Best case scenarios
* Disputing the Causal Claim

* Where is the argument weakest?

* Recognizing important strategic points

* By breaking the causal chain, you change the outcome
Your opponents want to bring about a certain outcome, but is it really valuable?

Why is your outcome preferable?

Think about their assumptions
* Debating Importance

* Damage limitation

* Not as important as they say

* Other things are more important
* Engaging in the Comparative

* Our X outcome is preferable to their Y outcome

* Turning Examples can help turn the debate