**TEMPLATES FOR COUNTERARGUMENT, CONCESSION AND RESPONSE**

Here are some common phrases used to introduce these moves.

Use them freely in your own work, and add to the list as you find others.

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| **COUNTERARGUMENTS** | **RESPONSES** |
|  [person or group] claims or argues or suggests that…  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s argument implies that…  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ interprets these results to mean that…   According to [someone], …[claim from source]   Critics/supporters of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ argue that… | However, …Yet…But this interpretation is flawed/questionable…Yet the bulk of studies on the subject suggest… But what they fail to acknowledge is… |
| **CONCESSIONS** | **RESPONSES** |
| Of course, … I concede that… It is true that… It may well be that… Have there been contrary findings? Yes,… While one should acknowledge that … Critics of \_\_\_\_ are right that… There are published studies that suggest… It is possible that… The results could be interpreted to mean…While it is true that… | But this does not mean…Nevertheless…However, it is also true that…In spite of this …But…It cannot be overlooked that…but what they fail to recognize is…Yet these results are contradicted by…But it is more likely that…But a more compelling interpretation is…Ultimately, it is more important that… |