**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… |