

12/7 – Outline the STRUCTURE OF YOUR SPEECH

Introduction Paragraph	Hook your readers' attention and make them emotionally feel for your issue. One great way is with an anecdote. State clearly what the problem is. State clearly what your solution is (your claim/thesis).	In Texas, they lynch Negroes. – anecdote about lynching – claim – civil disobedience is....
Body Paragraph 1	Describe and explain the problem and why it needs to be solved. Explain the causes and effects . Present evidence to prove it is a problem.	Explain the problem of racism and how Negroes are being treated.
Body Paragraph 2	Describe and explain your solution . Be specific. Provide evidence to prove it will help solve the problem.	Civil disobedience is moral because it is non-violent.
Body 3	Give more reasons and evidence why your solution is the correct one.	Some people say civil disobedience is anarchy...
Body Paragraph 4	Consider that someone may disagree with you and think of what counter-claim they might offer. Prove that this counter-claim is not valid and that your solution is.	Some people say you should always obey the law.
Conclusion	Make people excited about solving the problem. Call them to action. Summarize your argument briefly. Repeat or rephrase your thesis.	

Begin to rough draft your speech.

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Model Intro #1

Every day, a bunch of my fellow students show up for school stoned out of their already tiny brains. They are already stupid, then they smoke dope, and now they are twice as stupid. Some of the stupid things they do is talk and sleep in class rather than doing their work. The pot makes their minds weak. Some are so dumb, they smoke on campus and get caught. Others talk back to their teachers because they're too stoned to control their behavior. Yet, some people think they should pass Prop 19, which would make MJ legal and regulate it like alcohol. I am against this proposal. It should stay illegal.

Lt. Daniel Choi served two tours of duty in Iraq as a platoon leader in 2006 and 2008. He speaks fluent Arabic, one important language in Iraq and Afghanistan and other countries with terrorists. He graduated from West Point, the best University in the Army. And, in 2010, he was kicked out of the Army. Why? Because he violated the Army's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. He admitted that he was gay. This is only one of thousands of examples of soldiers being discharged for violation of the policy. That is why we must all agree to overturn the "don't ask, don't tell" policy and allow gay and lesbian people to serve openly in the military.

The "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy is the rule that they have for how to treat gay soldiers in the military. Wikipedia explains the policy as, "The policy prohibits people who "demonstrate a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts" from serving in the armed forces of the United States, because their presence "would create an unacceptable risk to the high standards of morale, good order and discipline, and unit cohesion that are the essence of military capability." (10 U.S.C. § 654(b)) The act prohibits any homosexual or bisexual

person from disclosing his or her sexual orientation or from speaking about any homosexual relationships, including marriages or other familial attributes, while serving in the United States armed forces. The act specifies that service members who disclose they are homosexual or engage in homosexual conduct shall be separated (discharged) except when a service member's conduct was "for the purpose of avoiding or terminating military service" or when it "would not be in the best interest of the armed forces" (10 U.S.C. § 654(e))."

One reason that we need to overturn this policy is that it is causing many good service members to be kicked out. So far, CNN reports that 12,500 otherwise good soldiers who did their jobs well were unfairly kicked out just for breaking this policy. Our country is in two wars and we need every soldier we can get. We can't afford to kick this many people out for such a ridiculous and outrageous reason.

Another reason that we need to overturn the policy is that it could affect a lot more soldiers. Do you know how many gay or lesbian soldiers are currently serving? CNN says the estimate is 65,000. All of those soldiers

have to lie every day to protect their privacy or risk being kicked out. One example of a soldier who tried to keep his private life secret, but was still kicked out was Mike Almy. MSNBC reports, “Almy, a 13-year veteran of the Air Force, was kicked out of the armed forces after superiors investigated his personal emails and found a correspondence between he and his partner.” Thirteen years of honorable and hard working service, and he was trying to follow the policy, and they invaded his personal emails, defiling his privacy. This is not fair!

Some people say they are afraid that gays will try to make them gay, or hit on them, or look at them in the shower, and they don't want gays to serve with them in the Military. These people are mostly afraid of their own gay feelings. There has never been a reported case of rape or molestation by a gay troop in the military. There are no facts to support this. If they are worried someone might look at their penis or breasts in the shower and this makes them afraid of a gay or lesbian troops, it actually shows more about how afraid they may be about their own gay feelings.

Senator John McCain says it could affect military performance. On The Daily show, they showed McCain speaking at Congress to the Generals in charge who want to overturn the policy.