

Parts of a Toulmin Argument

SPECIFIC ARGUMENT

➤ **Claim + Reasons/Data**

~ Community Colleges in Florida **should be** eliminated *because they nearly double the cost of funding for higher education (by the state and federal government), and they duplicate services and processes.*

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~ Dress codes in schools that permit personal choice **should not** prohibit the use of religious, political, social or ideological symbols on the clothing or school bags *because it is essential that freedom of speech, a fundamental component in a democratic society, not be hindered.*

➤ **Warrant (Since)**

~ (**Since**) the Florida state government has limited funds for higher education, and the cost of higher education is increasing, a new system should be fostered in which community colleges are eliminated and transparently integrated into the university system.

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~ (**Since**) The limiting of free expression is unconstitutional in a democratic society **unless** it is a national security issue or fosters violence/riots.”

➤ **Evidence**

~ Two budgets w/ figures and expenditures (comm. colleges and universities)
~ Three cases where CCs are non-existent in other states or countries
~ Other higher education reasons and statistics

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~ Religious symbol: “God is not DEAD”
~ Political “ : “Hugo Chavez is my Hero”
~ Social “ : [using of Confederate flag]
~ Ideological “ : “Death with Dignity”

➤ **Qualifiers**

~ “one might argue” OR “in some cases” OR “for the most part” OR “should”
~ “perhaps” OR “possibly”

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~ “unless” OR “in most cases” etc.

➤ **Counterarguments = Rebuttals**

~ **CAR:** CCs are important because they offer everyone the chance for a higher ED
~ **REB:** Universities also offer the opportunity but for someone who is capable of ...

~ **CAR:** What about “racist” comments on tee shirts or body tattoos?
~ **REB:** Null

➤ **Conclusion (Re-affirmation)**