

Speech Outline

I. Developing and Sequencing Claims

Sequence	Claim
2	<i>Sensible gun measures can prevent tragedies such as the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting.</i>
3	<i>Current gun restrictions provide for too many loopholes.</i>
1	<i>Even though America is the most heavily-armed developed nation, it is not the safest.</i>

Stop and Reflect: Did you sequence your strongest claim last? If not adjust accordingly.

II. Adding Rhetorical Strategies and Supporting Evidence

Sample:

Claim: <i>Even though America is the most heavily-armed developed nation, it is not the safest.</i>			
Evidence (including source): <i>Americans own more than 270 million firearms (“Stronger Gun Control”), but the nation is the global leader in per-capita gun deaths (“Gun Control”). About half of all households include a member who owns at least one gun (Streissguth).</i>			
Rhetorical Device	Use	Appeal	Use

Claim #1: *Even though America is the most heavily-armed developed nation, it is not the safest.*

Evidence (including source): *Americans own more than 270 million firearms (“Stronger Gun Control”), but the nation is the global leader in per-capita gun deaths (“Gun Control”). About half of all households include a member who owns at least one gun (Streissguth).*

Rhetorical Device	Use	Appeal	Use

Claim #2: *Sensible gun measures can prevent tragedies such as the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting.*

Evidence (including source): *The Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1994 created a mandatory five-day waiting period for handgun transfers and established a background check, but this expired in 1998. (Streissguth) Between 1994 and 1999, when the Brady Law was in effect, crime declined by 12.4%. (“Gun Control”)*

Rhetorical Device	Use	Appeal	Use

Claim #3: *Current gun restrictions provide for too many loopholes.*

Evidence (including source): *“Even when a gun is purchased through a firearms dealer, another loophole permits the dealer to transfer the gun to the purchaser if the background check isn't completed within three days. These ‘default proceeds’ allowed nearly 4,000 prohibited persons to purchase guns between November 1998 and November 1999 alone.” (“Stronger Gun Control”)*

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