**Activity 23: Responding to Counterarguments**

**Purpose of this assignment:** The goal of this assignment is to help you build your discussion section with an eye towards building the argument of your discussion.

**How does it fit within the entire project?** This activity will help you write your discussion section. It is important to put your work in the context of the existing literature in that part of the paper.

**Tasks required:** Complete the handout below.

**Deliverable:** Completed version of this handout uploaded to [LMS] by [deadline].

**Estimated time:** About one hour

**Group work or individual work?** Individual work.

**Note to instructor:**

* The appropriate number of tables should be added to the template below

**Step-by-step:**

1. Go back to the “Arguments and Counterarguments” assignment you have already completed. Copy-paste into the tables on the next pages the information from the tables of that activity. In other words, replace the gray areas.
2. Write a response to the Counterargument in the bottom row for each table. Note that this is not necessarily a rejection of the counterargument. You may use this to revise your original interpretation. The statement you write in the last row of the table should be a statement supporting your argument AND explaining away the purported weakness/caveat/issue/… OR a statement supporting your argument AND incorporating/considering/explaining the weakness/caveat/issue/… OR a revised explanation that takes into account the counterargument.
3. Is there a counterargument to the response? Do you need to provide a new explanation for the new counterargument? Make sure to consider this for EVERY single one of your finding/argument/counterargument sets.

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| **Finding** | **Argument** |
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| **Co-argument** | **Counterargument** |
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| **Response to counterargument** | |
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