PROBLEM-SOLUTION ARGUMENT FORMS

EXAMPLE

Introduction (briefly presents the problem and the solution which seems most appropriate).

Only 10,000 people out of 100,000 people voted in Devonshire County last year. Voting is something which all people need to do in order to maintain equal representation of the population. Since voter turnout appears to be less than desirable, then action must be taken to make sure people vote. Placing voter polls online would allow people to take place in the civic elections much easier.

Problem (Discusses the problem/concern and any context needed to understand it)

Voter turn out has always been a problem in Devonshire county. In previous years, less than ten percent of the total population voted. Compared to other districts, this percentage is extremely low. For example, consider Yorkshire County with its fifty percent voter turnout. What is the different between Yorkshire and Devonshire? The ability to get to the polls…. Yorkshire has made their polls available online.

Solution (Discusses your solution and any context needed to understand it)

Online polling is the only answer for Devonshire. Since the ability to drive to the polls is somewhat inconvenient, given that Devonshire contains more rural landscape than Yorkshire, which contains several larger towns, many people simply skip voting. They consider voting somewhat of a hassle. However, did you know that most of these households (regardless of their rural status) have internet access?

Counterargument (Discuss the other potential solutions to the problem and refute them)

Of course, internet access is not the only way to allow voters to get to the polls. There have been suggestions to allow volunteers to drive to individual homesteads to administer individual voting. However, this proposal seems at best wasteful. Consider how much gas would be wasted and how many volunteers the district would have to recruit. When consider the alternative, the idea of allowing people to vote from their homes seems much more reasonable.

Conclusion (Recapitulate your solution and leave the reader pondering the topic)

I think that the people of Devonshire County should be able to vote from home. There is so much potential for online voting. Not to mention, the administering of online voting would take only a few individuals versus having people drive out to each individual home to administer the polling process. Why not take the sensible option?