

# Essays - 7

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## **Strategies for Argumentation**

(For more on ethos, pathos, logos, see our handout: Rhetorical Appeals)

Logos – The core of your argument—the explanation of why your position is reasonable—needs to be logic, or logos. A series of facts and well-defended opinions can together amount to a successful argument in a position essay.

*Example: In the censorship paper, the argument is that obscenity laws are generally arbitrary and stifle the public's access to diverse points of view and discursive modes (or, styles of discussion).*

*Here are the points involved in that argument:*

- 1) obscenity laws are arbitrary
- 2) obscenity laws stifle the public's access to diverse points of view
- 3) obscenity laws stifle the public's access to discursive modes

## **Research**

(For more help on sources see our handout: Research and Sources)

The success of your paper depends on the success of each of your sub-points. The success of each point depends on the value of your research. Try to find scholarly stud-