Opposition

Within your speech, you will state your argument as well as the counterargument. A *counterargument* is an argument, with factual evidence or other kinds of support, which challenges either your thesis or a major argument for it. This is also called *opposition*.

Your speech will be weaker if you do not take time to think and write about your opposition.

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| Who might oppose your topic? Think of any and all possible groups of people. | The government  Astronauts  NASA’s space program  Those who have complete faith in the government  Area 51 workers who may have been paid to hide the truth |
| *Why* would these people oppose your idea? | The government wants us to believe that we “won” the space race  Astronauts are famous for their walk on the “moon”  Regular people want to believe in their government  The workers may have made a lot of money staying silent |
| How will you convince the opposition to side with you? What facts will you use? | I will show them videos were the shadows intersect, where the backgrounds are exactly the same, where the flag is waving  I’ll use the NY Times article and the Time magazine article – both good sources – to convince people |