



Soquel High School Library
Evaluating the Credibility of an Author's Argument

English-Language Arts Content Standard—Expository Critique 2.8

Evaluate the credibility of an author's argument or defense of a claim by critiquing the relationship between generalizations and evidence, the comprehensiveness of evidence, the structure and tone of the text (e.g. in professional journals, editorials, political speeches, primary source materials)

Using the California General Election Official Voter Information Guide or Official Voter Information Guide at http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_vig.htm, choose and read either the Argument in Favor **or** the Argument Against **Proposition 85, Waiting Period And Parental Notification Before Termination Of Minor's Pregnancy.**

What is the author's thesis (claim or argument)?

Name 3 ways the author proves her/his thesis?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Do these reasons prove the author's claim? Why or why not?
