

Creating Solutions

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The high court has ruled in favor of the president, allowing him to continue building a controversial ballroom in the White House. Critics argue this oversteps legislative authority and misuses public funds. How would you address this situation if you were tasked with defending the construction publicly?

A. Individually, think of a solution to this problem and write it down. Remember to explain:

- How your solution would solve this problem
- Why it's a good solution
- Who your solution could help and/or harm
- Identify the main objective of your speech, as well as its audience and occasion
- Spin opposing arguments (e.g., concerns about cost or legality) to support your position

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B. In groups, share your solutions with your group and discuss:

- Whose solution do you think is best and why?
- How could each solution's tone be adjusted to improve confidence in the argument?

C. With your group, vote on the best solution among your options

D. Once you have picked a solution, prepare to briefly present it to the class

- You can work with your group and change details of your chosen solution to make it as good as possible
- Remember to consider the points from step A, including tone, audience, and spinning opposing views
- Keep your final presentation to a maximum of three minutes.