COUNTER ARGUMENT

Contradicts central argument with evidence and sound reasoning

CONTRADICTION

States opposing case with little or no evidence
Sounds like, “you’re wrong!”

AD HOMINEM

Attacks the characteristics of the person making the argument instead of the argument
Sounds like, “you’re an only child, so your opinion doesn’t count!”

NAME-CALLING

Sounds like, “you’re an idiot!”

Below the level of academic discourse

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