



LAPP SKILLS FOR DISAGREEING BETTER

Decide which one of the two prompts is farther from your own position, and then write down, word for word, an Acknowledgement statement that shows you have heard that person in the prompt.

CONSERVATIVE PROMPT ON POLICING

I think too many liberals are ignoring the problem of rising crime in this community. It's getting scary to live here. I hear too much "Defund the Police" and other anti-police rhetoric. I know there are some bad apples in law enforcement, but by and large our officers are doing a good job. And it's demoralizing for them when civic leaders and regular citizens don't support them. I want our city to do the right thing by expanding the law enforcement presence. I know officers can't solve every problem, but they are our first line of defense and deserve our full support.

LIBERAL PROMPT ON POLICING

You conservatives seem to think that throwing more money into law enforcement is going to solve the crime problem. Crime comes from poverty and discrimination, and has to be solved by addressing those problems. Communities of color in particular don't trust the police, and for good reason. Instead of increasing the police budget, I support funding for social workers who can respond to mental health 911 calls rather than armed officers showing up. And we need to support community agencies that can get to root causes of crime. Let's stop over-emphasizing law enforcement and take a broader view of how to improve public safety.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

A pivot signals that you are about to offer your own viewpoint. Take a moment and write down a Pivot Statement to signal that you would like to take your turn at sharing your perspective. Keep in mind that a Pivot Statement does not get into the content of your view. It is a way of seeing if the other person is willing to share the conversation with you.

PIVOT STATEMENT