

 APPLICATIONS

- 14.1. In November, 2010, the California Supreme Court ruled that illegal immigrants are entitled to the same tuition advantages enjoyed by legal residents. This means that illegal immigrants will pay about \$11,000 less per year to attend a public college and \$23,000 less to attend a public university than U.S. citizens who reside outside California. (A number of other states have similar laws.) Research the arguments for and against this ruling and decide whether you support it. Explain your view and your reasons for holding it, taking care to anticipate and respond to possible objections to it.
- 14.2. Campus speech codes became popular in the 1980s and 1990s. Designed to create a positive atmosphere and to ensure civility among diverse student populations, they listed the categories of words and actions that were prohibited, and specified procedures and penalties for code violations. Such speech codes have proved to be highly controversial. Proponents continue to argue that they achieve the positive results aimed for. Opponents claim that, in actual practice, most speech codes have proven to be at best silly and at worst a violation of the right to free speech. In researching this issue, be sure to examine a number of actual speech codes. When you have carefully examined both sides of the issue, state and explain your conclusion and reasoning that led you to it. Be sure to anticipate and respond to possible objections to your thinking.
- 14.3. The George Zimmerman trial in 2013 drew national attention to “Stand Your Ground” laws, which many states have adopted. (Ironically, Zimmerman did not invoke “Stand Your Ground” but simply self-defense.) “Stand Your Ground” laws are based on the idea that, when attacked, people need not retreat but can use force, even deadly force, to defend themselves. Some states restrict this right to the person’s own home; others extend it to any place the person has a legal right to be in. Some say such laws are simply an expression of the Fourth Amendment guarantee of personal security. Others argue that it goes far beyond the provisions of that amendment and invites criminal behavior. Research the arguments for and against “Stand Your Ground” laws and decide whether you support them. Explain your view and your reasons for holding it, taking care to anticipate and respond to possible objections to it.
- 14.4. Each of the following cases was presented in an earlier chapter’s Applications. Turn back to the chapter in each case and reread the Application. Then recall the position you took on it. (If you wish, you may rethink the problem now.) State your position on the matter and the reasons supporting your position. Then anticipate the negative reactions you would probably receive, proceeding as explained in this chapter.