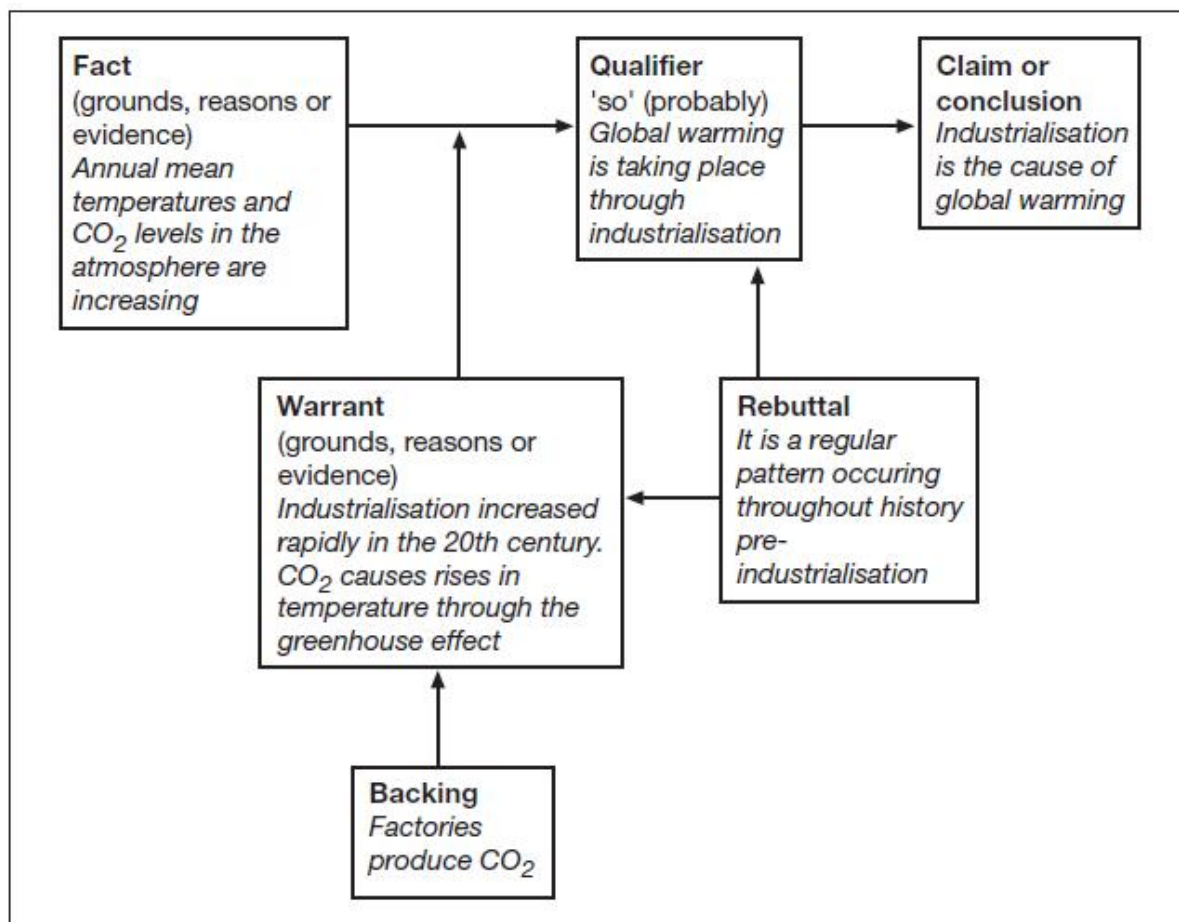


Argument maps

Argument maps are a kind of concept map designed to visualise and improve thinking for individuals or groups. They can support critical thinking by:

- promoting clarity and rigour in thinking, and so deeper understanding
- helping focus discussion and improve sharing of knowledge in a group or team
- promoting better decision making , by focusing on what is most relevant
- showing the limits of current knowledge
- helping present complex arguments to others.

Here is an example which organises some arguments concerning global warming.



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Argument mapping site from Austhink: http://austhink.com/critical/pages/argument_mapping.html