

Figure 2.2 Categories of Claims and Their Uses

Claim Category	Type	Argument Use	Evidence
Fact	Statements of proposed truth about a person, place, or thing	Propose a claim of fact	Data verifying documentation
Worth	Statements of judgment of the merit of an idea, course of action, behavior, or position	Propose a course of action, behavior, or position	Supportive documentation by experts
Policy	Statements that set criteria or standards	Propose what one ought to do	Supportive documentation by experts or with anecdotal records
Concept	Statements that either define or describe a proposition, idea, or phenomena	Propose definitions	Supportive documentation by experts
Interpretation	Statements that provide a frame of reference for understanding an idea	Propose a framework for combining concepts	Documentation by expert testimony, empirical research, statistical studies, or anecdotal case studies

Source: Toulmin (1999)