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[Arguments of Definition Paper]

Word Pairings Chosen:

### **Climate Change versus Global Warming**

These words describe related ideas but are not actually synonymous. For these I will turn science, because expertise is paramount in defining these phenomena and their existence.

Climate change describes a very general idea, the idea that weather patterns are changing globally as a result of the rising temperatures. Global warming simply refers to the rising temperatures themselves.

Motivation behind using one or the other can come from a place of ignorance, or it can come with an agenda. "If global warming exists, why is it snowy this year?"

### **Alternative Facts versus Lies**

This argument of definition relies greatly on biases, agendas, and perspective. One imperative question: does telling things that are untruthful unknowingly constitute lying? This becomes philosophical, and quite subjective, to say the least. Is intention the defining factor? Do objective truths exist?

Contextually, the term alternative facts was popularized in a moment where President Trump's team wanted to avoid admitting fault to a claim that was made. In this scenario, it was

clear that the popularity of the President's inauguration was exaggerated, as the claim is disproven by viewing a single photo from the event.

The debate that occurs here is indicative of how volatile people's trust is in the modern day. More than ever there are debates about, "can we fact check things," and, "does the truth matter in politics".

### **Illegal Alien versus Undocumented Immigrant**

Freedom versus Power