

Thought Control Outline

How is our world growing closer to *1984* in relation to thought control?

- I. Introduction
 - A. Hook – control of thoughts (commercial; jingle; news; hypnotism)
 - B. Connector – Author and Title
 - C. Thesis Statement: In *1984*, every citizen is systematically controlled in order to make Big Brother more powerful. Although we would claim that this does not happen to us in the modern world, we are also controlled.
- II. Censorship (control of ideas)
 - A. Winston and his diary
 - B. Truth only in his dreams
 - C. Winston's job – changes history
 - D. Comparison – censorship in our media (war reports); high schools = views that agree with the government; withholding information from us for “our own good”
- III. Fear used to control thoughts
 - A. Two minutes hate and hate week
 - B. Goldstein
 - C. Fake war
 - D. Rocket bombs
 - E. Comparison – Terrorism; anthrax; smallpox; Sadam and Osama Bin Laden; Nazis and Jewish people
- IV. Advanced methods of mind control
 - A. Torture to love Big Brother – Ministry of Love; Room 101
 - B. Doublethink
 - C. Killing people after they have been “cured”
 - D. Comparison – we aren't like this yet, but there have been experiments in torture; we are advanced at advertising; hypnotism; drugs for truth telling; lie detector tests
- V. Conclusion
 - A. Restate what was proved in relation to the thesis
 - B. Final thought (general)