

Expressing Opinions

Expressing, Agreeing,
Disagreeing, & Offering



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Expressing Opinions

These terms are used to introduce an opinion, either for or against:

I think.....

In my view.....

I feel.....

It seems to me that.....

I believe.....

I figure that.....

As I see it.....

From my point of view.....

In my opinion.....

I'm of the opinion that...

As far as I'm concerned.....

If you ask me...

My point of view is that.....

To be (quite) honest/ (Quite) honestly...

Agreeing with an Opinion:

My view about this is positive.

I agree with this idea.

I agree completely with this idea.

I agree partially with this idea.

This idea is absolutely right.

This idea is partially right.

I couldn't agree more on this.

I think this idea is good.

Disagreeing with an Opinion:

I think this idea is impossible/impractical/bad.

I think this idea is possible, but.....

I think this idea cannot be implemented.

I don't agree with this idea.

I think it is a bad idea.

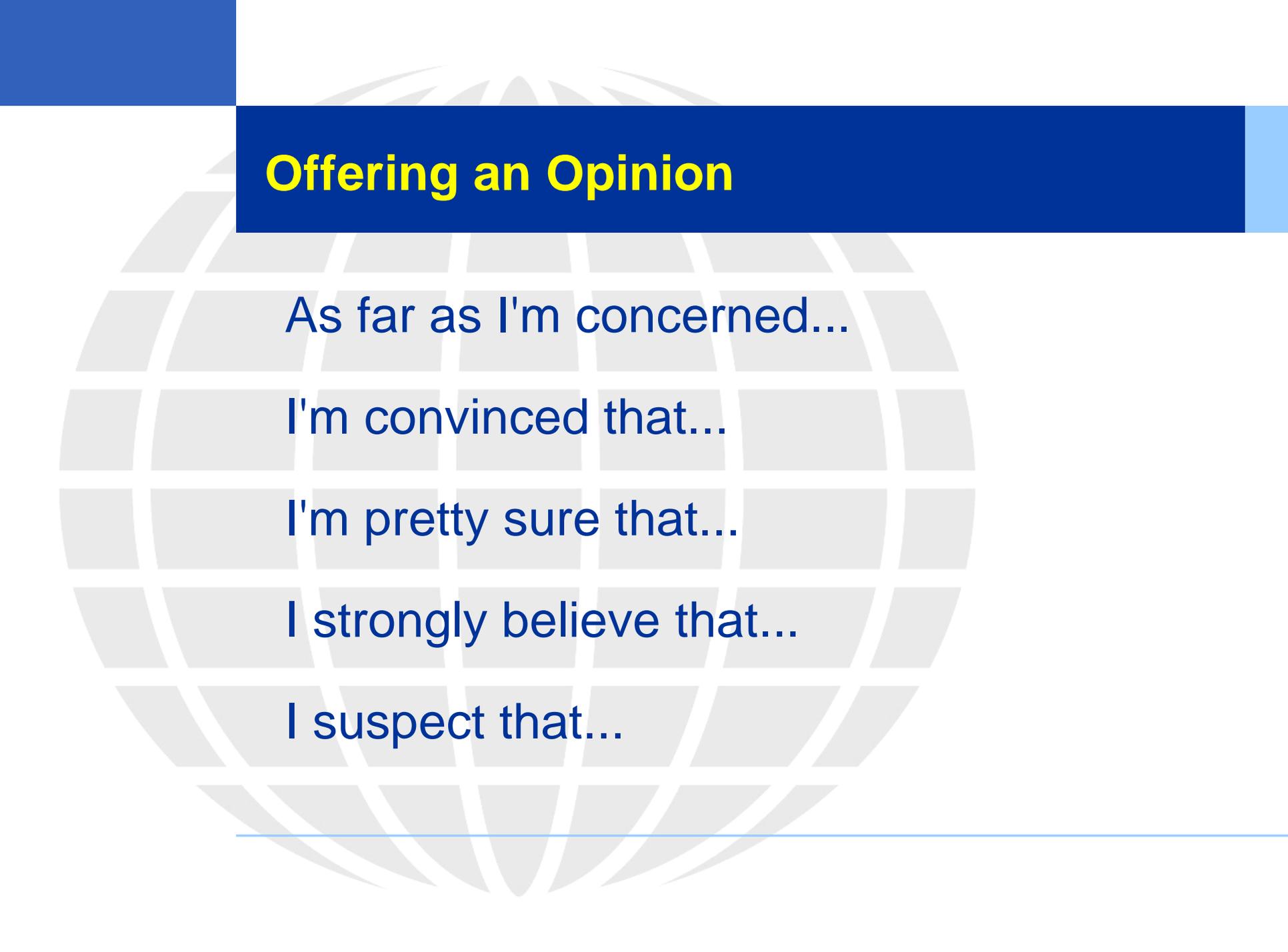
I'm not sure that I agree with this idea.

The project is feasible, but.....

Asking People to Express Their Opinions

Sample phrases (from formal to informal)

- I'd be interested to know your thoughts on/what you think about...
 - What's your point of view on...
 - What's your opinion on/of/about...
 - What do you think about...
 - How do you feel about...
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Offering an Opinion

As far as I'm concerned...

I'm convinced that...

I'm pretty sure that...

I strongly believe that...

I suspect that...

Disagreeing with an Opinion

I don't think that...

Don't you think it would be better...

I don't agree...

I'm afraid I don't agree...

I understand what you are saying, but don't you think that ...

The problem with your point of view is that...

Personal Point of View

We use these words and phrases to express a personal point of view:

In my experience...

I'd say that...

As far as I'm concerned...

I'd suggest that...

Speaking for myself...

I'd like to point out that...

In my opinion...

I believe that...

Personally, I think...

What I mean is...

General Point of View

We use these words and phrases to express a point of view that is generally thought by people:

It is thought that...

Some people say that...

It is considered...

It is generally accepted that...

Agreeing with an opinion

We use these words and phrases to agree with someone else's point of view:

Of course.

You're absolutely right.

Yes, I agree.

I think so too.

That's a good point.

Exactly.

I don't think so either.

So do I.

I'd go along with that.

That's true.

Neither do I.

I agree with you entirely.

That's just what I was thinking.

I couldn't agree more.

Disagreeing with an opinion

We use these words and phrases to disagree with someone else's point of view:

That's different.

I don't agree with you.

However...

That's not entirely true.

On the contrary...

I'm sorry to disagree with you,
but...

Yes, but don't you think...

That's not the same thing at all.

I'm afraid I have to disagree.

I'm not so sure about that.

I must take issue with you on
that.

It's unjustifiable to say that...

Exercise Expressing Opinions

Directions: Here is a list of controversial topics. Pick three topics that interest you and write out three opinion statements that clearly express your point of view or position on each one:

1. Women in military combat

Example: I don't agree that women should be in military combat.

2. Violence portrayed in movies

Example: I think there should be less violence in movies.

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3. Gun control legislation
4. Abortion rights
5. Bilingual education in our schools
6. Restrictions on smoking in public places
7. Treating adolescent criminals as adult offenders
8. Homosexual marriage
9. Censorship on the Internet
10. The right of hate groups to freedom of speech

Write out your opinions and then Email them to me. I will correct them and send them back to you. amerenglis63@yahoo.com