

CONCEPT: POSITIVE AND NORMATIVE STATEMENTS

- **Positive Statements** make a claim about how the world *is*

Statement A:

Statement B:

- **Normative Statements** make a claim about how the world *ought to be*

Statement A:

Statement B:

Normative Statement Keywords:

EXAMPLE: Label the following statements as Positive Statements (P) or Normative Statements (N)

The government should provide healthcare to all of its citizens.	
Minimum wage laws are a bad idea because they cause unemployment.	
Rising gas prices cause people to buy less gas.	
Minimum wage laws cause unemployment.	
The government ought to increase the minimum wage.	