

Identifying Fallacies

Exercise 2

Directions: Each of the following statements contains at least one fallacy. Using the list in Appendix 3 of your text as a guide, write out the fallacies on a piece of paper. Compare your answers with your group and the whole class.

1. I have a college buddy whose family lives in the Valley nor far from the border; he says they see illegals crossing into the US all the time, so I support President Trump's border wall.
2. Every time the Republicans gain the White House, the economy eventually tanks, so I'm not putting any money in the stock market.
3. "They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists. And some, I assume, are good people."
4. All real Americans support the second amendment; people should be allowed to carry their guns wherever they want.
5. I support the President's ban on travelers from the Middle East; after all, the 9-11 hijackers were all Muslims.
6. The last Oscar nominations did not include any minority actors. That just shows how racist Hollywood really is.
7. Just because each of the past four years has been the hottest on record does not prove that the earth is getting warmer.
8. Even though the city has added new freeways and new lanes to existing freeways, traffic is still at a standstill. We should stop building new roads; it simply attracts more cars.
9. I don't see why women still complain about what they call the "glass ceiling." After all, 21 of the Fortune 500 companies have female CEOs.
10. I'm the fifth of five children, so I don't believe that companies should have to provide birth control as part of their workers' health program.