

Fallacies Activities

1. Voters are flocking to candidate R by the millions, so you'd better cast your vote the right way.

2. Betty Crocker is a hysterical feminist. We shouldn't listen to her views on sexual harassment.

3. Tom Brady says to use T-Mobile because that phone company is the best.

4. The TV news provides accurate and reliable information which was demonstrated conclusively on last week's 60 Minutes.

5. We should not rebuild the house because every time that we do, a tornado comes along and damages it.

6. If we can land on the Moon and Mars, then we can cure all diseases.

7. America: love it or leave it.

8. I couldn't understand that one lecture, so I know that this course will be impossible.

9. If we pass laws against fully-automatic weapons, then it won't be long before we pass laws on all weapons, then we will begin to restrict other rights, and finally, we will end up living in a communist state. Thus, we should not ban fully automatic weapons.

10. Since I'm not lying, it follows that I'm telling the truth.

11. A plane is a carpenter's tool, and a Boeing 737 is a plane, therefore the Boeing 737 is a carpenter's tool.

12. You say I shouldn't drink, but you haven't been sober for more than a year.

13. We've got to stop them from banning pornography. Once they start banning one form of literature, they will never stop. Next thing you know, they will be burning all the books!

14. In regard to my recent indictment for corruption, let's talk about what's really important instead—terrorists are out there, and if we don't stop them we're all gonna die!

15. "I know tax increases are a bad idea," said the politician. "I pay taxes also, just like everyone else. I have a dog named Fido and I drive a minivan. I like to shop at Food Lion and eat at Hardee's every morning."

16. Sam is riding her bike in her town in Maine, minding her own business. A station wagon comes up behind her and the driver starts beeping his horn and then tries to force her off the road. As he goes by, the driver yells "Get on the sidewalk where you belong." Sam sees that the car has Ohio plates and concludes that all Ohio drivers are jerks.

17. Of course this mode of government is the best. We have had this government for over 200 years and no one has talked about changing it in all that time. So, it has got to be good.

18. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, look at the bloody clothes, the murder weapon. Imagine the helpless screams of the victim. Such a crime deserves no verdict except guilty, guilty!

19. I'm not a doctor, but I play a doctor on TV, and I wouldn't dream of using anything but Tylenol for my toughest headaches.

20. There are more laws on the books than ever before, and more crimes are being committed than ever before. Therefore, to reduce crime, we must eliminate the laws.
