

MENTAL ANTI-VIRUS CARD

Dismiss the arbitrary, remove contradictions, achieve more certainty.

The Top Fallacies

Against the Man (<i>Ad Hominem</i>)	Attacking the speaker instead of his argument.
Appeal to Authority (<i>Ad Verecundiam</i>)	Basing an argument on an irrelevant, vague or dubious authority.
Appeal to Emotion	Persuading by emotion rather than reason.
Appeal to Force (<i>Ad Baculum</i>)	Persuading by coercion or threat.
Appeal to Ignorance (<i>Ad Ignorantiam</i>)	It must be true because it hasn't been proved false; or false because it hasn't been proved true.
Appeal to Pity (<i>Ad Misericordiam</i>)	It must be true because... boo hoo hoo.
Appeal to the Masses (<i>Ad Populum</i>)	It must be true because it's popular.
Appeal to Ridicule	It must be true because... ha ha ha.
Appeal to Tradition	It must be true because we've always done it that way.
Composition	What's true for the individual part of a whole is true for the entire whole form.
Division	What's true for the entire whole form is true for each of its individual parts.
False Alternative	Offering only two options while omitting other relevant, viable options.
False Cause (<i>Post Hoc</i>)	Establishing a causal relationship from correlation or timing, without sufficient proof.
Hasty Generalization	Generalizing from an unrepresentative sample.
Middle Ground	The extremes are wrong, but the middle (mean) is correct.
Red Herring	Diverting an argument by changing the topic.
Selective Evidence	Selectively omitting pertinent evidence.
Slippery Slope	Asserting, without sufficient proof, a chain of events.
Straw Man	Refuting an argument by attacking a weaker version of it.

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