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**Logical Fallacies in class Group Assignment**

**Please look over the list of examples that have been given and try to correctly determine which logical fallacy it represents. Use pages 80-95 in your textbook AND the supplemental document I have provided under the Content tab. Place in the Drop Box when you are done. If you get all 15 right, you get extra credit added to one of your HW grades.**

**Note: The group that gets the MOST of them correct, gets up to 40 extra points on their lowest HW grade. (e.g. 60 on a HW Assignment = 100; 0 =40, etc.)**

1. **“My roommate said her philosophy class was hard, and the one I’m in is hard, too. All philosophy classes must be hard!”**

**-Logical Fallacy:\_\_Fallacies of Presumption – Hasty Generalization.**

1. **“The seriousness of a punishment should match the seriousness of the crime. Right now, the punishment for drunk driving may simply be a fine. But drunk driving is a very serious crime that can kill innocent people. So the death penalty should be the punishment for drunk driving.”**

**Logical Fallacy: Missing the point**

1. **“President Obama raised taxes, and then the rate of violent crime went up. Obama is responsible for the rise in crime.”**

**Logical Fallacy: \_Fallacies of Presumption – Post Hoc, Ergo Propter Hoc.**

1. **“Animal experimentation reduces our respect for life. If we don’t respect life, we are likely to be more and more tolerant of violent acts like war and murder. Soon our society will become a battlefield in which everyone constantly fears for their lives. It will be the end of civilization. To prevent this terrible consequence, we should make animal experimentation illegal right now.”**

**Logical Fallacy:\_\_Fallacies of Presumption - Slippery Slope.**

1. **“Guns are like hammers—they’re both tools with metal parts that could be used to kill someone. And yet it would be ridiculous to restrict the purchase of hammers—so restrictions on purchasing guns are equally ridiculous.”**

**Logical Fallacy: Weak anology.**

1. **“We should abolish the death penalty. Many respected people, such as actor George Clooney, have publicly stated their opposition to it.”**

**Logical Fallacy: Fallacies of Irrelevance – Appeal to Authority.**

1. **Gay marriages are just immoral. 70% of Americans think so!”**

**Logical Fallacy: Ad Populum**

1. **“Andrea Dworkin has written several books arguing that pornography harms women. But Dworkin is just ugly and bitter, so why should we listen to her?”**

**Logical Fallacy: Fallacies of Irrelevance –Ad Hominem.**

1. **“I know the exam is graded based on performance, but you should give me an A. My cat has been sick, my car broke down, and I’ve had a cold, so it was really hard for me to study!” The conclusion here is “You should give me an A.”**

**Logical Fallacy: Appeal to pity.**

1. **“People have been trying for centuries to prove that God exists. But no one has yet been able to prove it. Therefore, God does not exist.” Here’s an opposing argument that commits the same fallacy: “People have been trying for years to prove that God does not exist. But no one has yet been able to prove it. Therefore, God exists.”**

**Logical Fallacy: Fallacies of Irrelevance – Appeal to Ignorance.**

1. **“Feminists want to ban all pornography and punish everyone who looks at it! But such harsh measures are surely inappropriate, so the feminists are wrong: porn and its fans should be left in peace.”**

**Logical Fallacy: Fallacies of Presumption – Straw Man.**

1. **“Grading this exam on a curve would be the best thing to do. After all, classes go more smoothly when the students and the professor are getting along well.”**

**Logical Fallacy: Fallacies of Presumption – Red Herring.**

1. **“Harris County roads are insufficient to handle the current traffic and are unsafe. Either we must build new roads, or we continue to risk everyone’s safety. Obviously we shouldn’t risk anyone’s safety, so we must widen and/or build more roads.”**

**Logical Fallacy: Appeal to Authority**

1. **“Active euthanasia is morally acceptable. It is a decent, ethical thing to help another human being escape suffering through death.”**

**Logical fallacy: Fallacies of Presumption – Begging the question.**

1. **“Giving money to charity is the right thing to do. So charities have a right to our money.”**

**Logical Fallacy: Fallacies of Ambiguity – Equivocation.**