

arguments & evidence



Logical fallacies

Types of faulty reasoning that seem to make a point but don't and render an argument questionable or invalid.



Ad Hominem

A logical fallacy in which a criticism is directed at a person rather than at the point he or she is trying to make.



Slippery slope

An argument that makes the claim that a relatively small first step will set off a chain reaction leading to disastrous, unavoidable results.



False dilemma

A logical fallacy in which an either/or proposition is set up when there are actually more options available.



Straw man

A logical fallacy that is used when someone appears to be refuting or knocking down an argument when, in fact, they are refuting an argument that is easy to knock down, but doesn't accurately represent the other side.



False equivalence

A logical fallacy in which two things with an apparent similarity are compared, but in a way that ignores important differences for the purposes of making an argument.