

▶ Extending Concepts

Other Fallacies Six types of fallacies are given. In Exercises 25–30, determine which fallacy applies.

Ad hominem: An argument that attacks the character of a person rather than addressing the actual issue

Ad populum: An argument with the premise that if a majority believes that something is true, then it is true

Appeal to novelty: An argument that uses the premise that if something is new, it is automatically better

Composition: An argument that concludes that something is true for the whole because it is true for the parts of the whole

False dilemma: An argument that only gives two options when more than two are available

Self-refuting idea: A statement that is false as a consequence of being held true

25. QUAYLE: “. . . I have as much experience in the Congress as Jack Kennedy did when he sought the presidency. . . .”
- BENTSEN: “Senator, I served with Jack Kennedy, I knew Jack Kennedy, Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine. Senator, you are no Jack Kennedy.”
- 1988 Vice-Presidential Debate*



27. “The only thing I know is that I know nothing.”
- Socrates*

28. “Either you are with us, or you are with the terrorists.”
- George W. Bush*



30. “We see that every city-state is a community of some sort, and that every community is established for the sake of some good (for everyone performs every action for the sake of what he takes to be good).”
- Politics, Aristotle*
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