

Logical Fallacies

Name: _____

Directions: In the blank before each statement, write which type of fallacy the statement contains. Then, beneath each statement, explain what is wrong with its logic.

1. _____ America: love it or leave it.

2. _____ We shouldn't believe what President Bush says about tax cuts because he'll pay less taxes under his new plan.

3. _____ I saw at least six people at the dance who were drunk — everybody was drinking.

4. _____ Polls suggest that the Democrats will win the election, so you may as well vote for them.

5. _____ Either you're with this court or you're against it.

6. _____ It is held that there are more than two million needless operations conducted every year.

7. _____ The proposal is likely to resisted by the bureaucrats on Capitol Hill, so you shouldn't support it.

8. _____ Everyone knows the Earth is flat, so why do you persist in your outlandish claims.

9. _____ Experts agree that the best way to prevent nuclear war is to prepare for it.

10. _____ I took EZ-No-Cold, and two days later, my cold disappeared.
11. _____ Fred, the Australian, stole my wallet. I've never trusted an Australian since.
12. _____ Government is like business, so just as business must be sensitive primarily to the bottom line, so also must government.
13. _____ You can't agree that evolution is true, because if it were, then we would be no better than monkeys and apes.
14. _____ Right thinking Americans will agree with me that we should bring back capital punishment.
15. _____ I asked six of my friends what they thought of the new budget proposal and they agreed it is a good idea. The new budget proposal is therefore generally popular.
16. _____ Students are like nails. Just as nails must be hit in the head in order to make them work, so must students.
17. _____ You had better agree that the new company policy is the best bet if you expect to keep your job.
18. _____ Immigration to Alberta from Ontario increased. Soon after, the welfare rolls increased. Therefore, the increased immigration caused the increased welfare rolls.