

Fallacy worksheet

Match the fallacy to the most appropriate type:

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| 1.False cause | 5.Limited choice | 9.Subjectivism |
| 2.Appeal to popularity | 6.Appeal to emotion | 10.Circular reasoning |
| 3.Hasty generalization | 7.Appeal to force | 11.Diversion |
| 4.Appeal to ignorance | 8.Personal attack | 12.Straw man |

- a. 5 Patriotic Americans will support the flag burning amendment.
- b. 11 We should have conscription. People don't want to enter the military because they find it an inconvenience, but they should realize there are more important things than personal convenience.
- c. 10 We know that God exists since the Bible says so. What the Bible says is true since it was given to us by God.
- d. 2 The majority of Americans support the invasion of Iraq so it must be the right thing to do.
- e. 1 After the power company installed high tension lines in our neighborhood children began to get leukemia, so the power company is responsible for the sick children.
- f. 3 I asked six of my friends what they thought of the new spending restraints and they all thought it was a good idea, so they must be popular.
- g. 6 The patriot act must be passed because we don't want another 9-11.
- h. 1 Immigration from Mexico to the US has increased. The welfare roles in the US are increasing. The immigration from Mexico has increased US welfare expenditure.
- i. 8 You can't accept anything Bill O'Reilly says because he is just a hyper-conservative bullet-head.
- j. 12 There are no absolutes. Einstein showed that everything is relative.
- k. 7 You had better agree with the new company policy if you expect to keep your job.
- l. 2 Polls show that the republicans will win the election in California, so you might as well vote for them.
- m. 8 You may argue that God does not exist but you are just following a fad.
- n. 4 We cannot find the WMDs so they never existed.
- o. 6 Drunk drivers kill many innocent children each year therefore random police roadblocks to check driver licences are needed.
- p. 7 If the UN wants the US to pay its dues, it had better approve the resolution on Iraq
- q. 4 Since you cannot prove that ghosts do not exist then they must.
- r. 3 I saw several cars almost hit pedestrians today on campus so there must be a problem with the drivers on campus.
- s. 10 All humans in a civilized society have the right to adequate health care so the state should provide for the basic healthcare needs of the people.
- t. 9 We should eliminate porn on the web. There is no way to constitutionally justify its existence.
- u. 11 We should support the war effort in Iraq. Remember how badly the soldiers who fought in Vietnam were treated when they returned. We don't want a repeat of that so we should support our troops.
- v. 9 You should support home education and the God given right of parents to raise children according to their own beliefs.
- w. 5 Right thinking Americans will agree that we must reevaluate capital punishment