

Identify the fallacy in each of the following statements and, in one or two sentences, explain why the statement is fallacious.

1. I don't see any reason to wear a helmet when I ride a bike if John's roommate falls without a helmet.
2. It's ridiculous to worry about gunpowder because it's not a natural part of our nature. Pollution and terrorism affect innocent people and bring unimaginable terror.
3. There can be no doubt that the Great Depression was caused by Herbert Hoover, the former President of the U.S., and the stock market crashed just before he took office.
4. If we allow the school board to spend money remodeling the gymnasium, next they will want to build a new school and give all the teachers a huge raise. There will come a time that businessmen will know and then there will be no jobs for anyone in this town.
5. Raising a child is just like having a pet -- you need to feed it, play with it, and everything will be fine.
6. I can't support Representative Dine's proposed tax campaign finance reform. After all, he was kicked out of the school for cheating on an exam.
7. One researcher interviewed at a restaurant said, "I've not done just the same thing people around me are smoking." Another, responding to a Los Angeles Times survey, said, "I don't see what all the fuss is about. My wife has smoked for years and it has never bothered me." We can see, then, that occasional smoking does not cause a problem for most consumers.
8. The school must either increase tuition or cut back on library services for students.