

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 unless it happens to fall off without a helmet.
2. It's ridiculous to worry about gunning down America's national parks against pollution and erosion when innocent people are being endangered by terrorists.
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-crash just before World War I.
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, appearing on a Los Angeles news 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 secondhand smoke does not cause a problem for most consumers.
8. The school must either increase tuition or cut back on library services for students.