

Named Principles

Name	Desc
Peter Principle	In a hierarchy, every employee tends to rise to their level of incompetence
Godwin's Law	As an online discussion grows longer, the probability of a comparison involving Nazis or Hitler approaches one
Poe's Law	Without a clear indicator of the author's intent, any parodic or sarcastic expression of extreme views can be mistaken by some readers for a sincere expression of those views
Occum's Razor	The simplest answer is usually true
Dunning-Kruger Effect	A cognitive bias in which unskilled individuals suffer from illusory superiority, mistakenly rating their ability much higher than average
Brandolini's Law	The amount of energy needed to refute bullshit is an order of magnitude bigger than to produce it
Gish gallop	A rhetorical technique in which a person in a debate attempts to overwhelm an opponent by presenting an excessive number of arguments, without regard for their accuracy or strength, with a rapidity that makes it impossible for the opponent to address them in the time available
Brooks's law	Adding manpower to a late software project makes it later
Betteridge's Law of Headlines	Any headline which ends in a question mark can be answered by the word 'no'
Shirky Principle	Institutions will try to preserve the problem to which they are the solution
Streisand Effect	Any attempt to hide, remove, or censor a piece of information has the unintended consequence of publicizing the information more widely
Eagleson's Law	Any code of your own that you haven't looked at for six or more months might as well have been written by someone else
Sturgeon's Law	90% of everything is crud
Postel's Law	Be conservative in what you send, be liberal in what you accept

Sources:

- Eponymous Laws and Principles by Tom Connor
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