Fake News!

Every claim below is wrong! Your job is to figure out why by looking at the data.

	Data	Claim	What's Wrong
1	The average player on a basketball team is 6'1".	"Most of the players are taller than 6'."	Average (mean) is highly sensitive to outliers. Most players could be under 6', with one 6'10" player throwing off the mean.
2	Linear regression found a positive correlation (r=0.18) between people's height and salary.	"Taller people get paid more."	Correlation is not causation, and - more importantly - an R-value of 0.18 is very weak and should not be trusted.
3	y=12.234x + -17.089; r-sq: 0.636	"According to the predictor function indicated here, the value on the x-axis is will predict the value on the y-axis 63.6% of the time."	R-Values tell us how much of the variability in the dataset is explained by the predictor, not how accurate it is!
4	15 10 Sasha Felix Wade Boo-boo Maple Nori Nibblet	"According to this bar chart, Felix makes up a little more than 15% of the total ages of all the animals in the dataset."	Felix is 15 years old .
5	4	"According to this histogram, most animals weigh between 40 and 60 pounds."	Incorrect. The 40-60 pound bin has more animals than any other bin, but it makes up only a small fraction of the whole.
6	Linear regression found a negative correlation (r= -0.91) between the number of hairs on a person's head and their likelihood of owning a wig.	"Owning wigs causes people to go bald."	Correlation is not causation!