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We shouldn't ban the carrying of concealed weapons in public places because the next thing you know we'll be banning hunting rifles too.

- 1. False Cause
- 2. Slippery Slope
- 3. Hasty Generalization
- 4. Straw Person

Identify the fallacy

You can't prove that there isn't a God. Therefore God must exist.

- 1. Weak analogy
- 2. Cherry Picking
- 3. Mere Assertion
- 4. Appeal to Ignorance

Identify the fallacy

I saw a bunch of drunk Buddhists beating up an old man the other day. I had no idea that Buddhism encouraged such behavior, but I guess it does.

- 1. Hasty Generalization
- 2. Ad Hominem (Personal Attack)
- 3. Circular Reasoning
- 4. Appeal to Consequences

Identify the fallacy

A study funded by Monsanto corporation claims to show that the weed killer Roundup, which they manufacture, is not toxic to humans. That study can obviously be dismissed as propaganda.

- 1. Popular Appeal
- 2. Appeal to Consequences
- 3. False Dilemma
- 4. Genetic Fallacy

Identify the fallacy

These three prominent engineers believe that 9-11 was the result of a conspiracy, therefore there is a good reason to suspect that it was.

- 1. Appeal to Ignorance
- 2. Popular Appeal
- 3. Appeal to Authority
- 4. Equivocation

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Getting rid of privacy and putting in place universal electronic surveillance is only a bad idea if you have something to hide. Since you oppose such surveillance, you clearly have something to hide.

- 1. False Dilemma
- 2. Circular reasoning
- 3. Begging the Question
- 4. False Cause

Identify the fallacy

Diagnoses of brain cancer went up shortly after "The Simpsons" first went on TV. Thus watching the Simpsons must cause brain cancer.

- 1. False Cause
- 2. Slippery Slope
- 3. Appeal to Consequences
- 4. Red Herring

Identify the fallacy

Eating dogs is wrong. Why? Because nobody I know does it!

- 1. Red Herring
- 2. Popular Appeal
- 3. Hasty Generalization
- 4. Naturalistic Fallacy

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Ghosts are real, I've seen them with my own eyes!

- 1. Weak Analogy
- 2. Red Herring
- 3. Cherry Picking
- 4. Begging the Question

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I refuse to take pills produced by pharmaceutical companies in their chemical plants! It is much better to take only all-natural herbal extracts.

- 1. Weak Analogy
- 2. Appeal to Ignorance
- 3. Naturalistic Fallacy
- 4. Appeal to Authority