SuperCorp recently moved its headquarters to Corporateville. The recent surge in the number of homeowners in Corporateville proves that Corporateville is a superior place to live than Middlesburg, the home of SuperCorp's original headquarters. Moreover, Middlesburg is a predominately urban area and according to an employee survey, SuperCorp has determined that its workers prefer to live in an area that is not urban. Finally, Corporateville has lower taxes than Middlesburg, making it not only a safer place to work but also a cheaper one. Therefore, Supercorp clearly made the best decision.

*Write a response in which you examine the stated and/or unstated assumptions of the argument. Be sure to explain how the argument depends on the assumptions and what the implications are if the assumptions prove unwarranted.*

In this passage, the author attempts to evaluate SuperCorp's decision to move company headquarters from Middlesburg to Corporateville. The author believes that the decision was the right one, and cites Corporateville's superiority over Middlesburg, and employee wellness as the primary reasons for his belief. But, the author makes certain potentially unjustified assumptions in the process, making the argument tenuous.

Firstly, the author assumes that the recent surge in number of homeowner is Corporateville is a consequence of the location's superiority over Middlesburg. However, the reason behind this surge might have nothing to do with quality of life in Corporateville. It could simply be a result of more affordable housing in the area, while Middlesburg still provides a superior quality of life. Additionally, the author also assumes that following the recent surge in homeowners, there exist sufficient unoccupied residential complexes to house the employees of SuperCorp. If not, the company would have to replace certain personnel, or convince employees to commute from their current homes to Corporateville, assuming this is feasible in the first place.

Subsequently, the author states that a recent employee survey determined that SuperCorp workers prefer to live in non-urban areas. While this might be true, the author uses this information to jump to the conclusion that workers would be willing to uproot their lives and move to Corporateville. No mention has been made about the distance between the two areas, and employees might not find it desirable to live in this new place. If we choose to believe that the author considered that employees would not move to the new area, we need to examine whether suitable replacements could be hired from the current residents of Corporateville, at a rate that is affordable to SuperCorp.

Lastly, the author makes the absurd claim that lower taxes in Corporateville indicate that it is a safer place to live in as compared to Middlesburg. The author assumes a correlation between tax amounts and public safety, which has been left unexplained. A positive correlation has also been drawn between lower tax amounts and cost of living, which is also untenable. Items of day-to-day use might cost higher in Corporateville, even though taxes are lower in the area.

Hence, even if SuperCorp's decision to move its headquarters from Middlesburg to Corporateville turns out to be the correct one, it is safe to say that the author's argument in favour of it hinges on various assumptions, and any one of them proving unwarranted could cause the argument to collapse. Thus, I believe that the author's conclusion is not justified based on the argument presented.