



Logical Fallacies

Appeal to Ignorance

A logical fallacy is an illogical or misleading argument. One type of logical fallacy, called appeal to ignorance, means to claim that the truth or facts about a topic are unknown. Essentially, it means to assert that your claim has to be true since there is nothing to suggest that it isn't.

Example: My opponent hasn't been able to prove he didn't commit these crimes, so when thinking about whether or not to vote for him, we have to assume that he did.

DIRECTIONS: Put a check mark next to each argument that contains an appeal to ignorance.

There is no hard evidence that the government is not hiding the existence of UFOs from us, so any reasonable person will suspect the government of this coverup.

I haven't heard back from my interview yet, so I obviously did horrible and did not get the job.

I have been doing very well as a counselor. None of my patients have stopped seeing me.

There is a link between crime and illiteracy. 19% of high school graduates in the US can't read. However, 85% of juveniles in the US court system are functionally illiterate, and 70% of inmates in the US prison system can't read above a 4th-grade level.

