

Name _____ **Ad Hominem**



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The purpose of an ad hominem argument is to discredit someone without regard for whether or not the argument supporting the claim is logical and correct. Below are three different kinds of ad hominem arguments:

ad feminam	Invalidating the claims of a woman on the basis of her gender.
poisoning the well	spreading derogatory information about an opponent in advance of an argument to discredit them.
ad hominem abusive	involves personal attacks like character assassination, or attacking an opponent's credibility or status.

Identify the type of ad hominem argument used in each statement.

1. Women aren't capable of critical thought.
2. Jack said some of the people he is inviting to his party are people he wants favors from.
3. Hank was a juvenile delinquent, so dishonestly is part of who he is. He couldn't be trusted then and he can't be trusted now.

