

The 10 Commandments of Logic

- 1. Ad hominem:** Thou shall not attack the person's character, but the argument.
- 2. Straw man fallacy:** Thou shall not misrepresent or exaggerate a person's argument in order to make them easier to attack.
- 3. Hasty generalization:** Thou shall not use small numbers to represent the whole.
- 4. Begging the question:** Thou shall not argue thy position by assuming one of its premises is true.
- 5. Post Hoc/False cause:** Thou shall not claim that because something occurred before, it must be the cause.
- 6. False dichotomy:** Thou shall not reduce the argument down to two possibilities.
- 7. Ad ignorantum:** Thou shall not argue that because of our ignorance, claim must be true or false.
- 8. Burden of proof reversal:** Thou shall not lay the burden of proof onto him that is questioning the claim.
- 9. Non sequitur:** Thou shall not assume "this" follows "that" when it has no logical connection.
- 10. Bandwagon fallacy:** Thou shall not claim that because a premise is popular, therefore it must be true.