

Activity: Identifying Logical Fallacies

DIRECTIONS: As a group, identify the faulty reasoning or inappropriate appeal in the sentences below. There may be more than one correct answer for each. Use the *Logical Fallacies / Intellectual Self-Defense* worksheet to complete the activity.

EXAMPLE:

If we let our daughter eat cake on her first birthday, then she'll never want to eat vegetables again.

Fallacies: _____

1. If you choose not to breastfeed, you're a bad mother.

2. "In addition to winning the Electoral College in a landslide, I won the popular vote if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally." - Donald Trump (11/27/2016 via *Twitter*)

3. We should be allowed to carry concealed weapons for our safety because we need the right to carry one to protect ourselves.

4. Most people believe that creationism should be taught alongside evolution, so public schools should teach both.

5. Since there's no way I'll land that internship, I'll have to work at Taco Bell forever.

6. If you voted for Donald Trump, then you must be a racist.

7. "This election is a choice between two very different visions of America. One that's angry, afraid, and based on the idea that America is fundamentally weak and in decline. The other is hopeful, generous, and confident in the knowledge that America is great – just like we always have been." (Hillary Clinton, San Diego, CA 06/02/2016)

8. I know what you mean when you say parenting is hard - I have three dogs!

9. Television can't be harmful to children because it keeps them occupied for hours and keeps them from getting into trouble.

10. "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive." - Donald Trump (11/06/2012 via *Twitter*)
