

BR: D12

Pick one of the following arguments, take 10 minutes, and attempt to disprove it:

Pro-Immigration:

“Borders are inhumane and cruel. The suffering they cause is incalculable, and no moral nation would restrict helpless people from looking for a better life.”

Anti-Immigration:


“Without borders, our country would be overrun by drug lords, criminals, and deviants who want nothing more than to pillage, steal, or live off of our social services. Only those who can prove that they will add definite value should be allowed to enter; otherwise, we need to clamp that border shut.”

Goals:


- ▶ *Our goals for today:*
- ▶ *Continue to practice how to be verbally persuasive, especially while utilizing research, regarding especially the issue of immigration reform*

Logical Fallacy of the Day

- ▶ Nirvana / Perfect Solution Fallacy
- ▶ People make the argument that the ideal is best, and so a pragmatic “good enough” solution just doesn’t cut it.
- ▶ Form:
 - ▶ *X is what we have.*
 - ▶ *Y is the perfect situation.*
 - ▶ *Therefore, X is not good enough.*
 - ▶ EXAMPLE:




I don't trust
GMOs because
they are all
about money!



What about *GMOs* like golden rice
that are being developed entirely
for humanitarian reasons? Golden
rice is designed to provide
vitamins to people in impoverished
countries, not make money.



But those
GMOs don't
fix the real
problem:
wealth
inequality.



First, you're shifting the goal posts. Second, are you really suggesting that we should make people in developing countries sit around and wait for us to fix the entire world's economic problems!? Economic inequality is not a problem that we can fix at any point in the near future, but vitamin deficiencies are something that we can solve. Are you sure that you aren't just trying to disguise your ideology as a rational argument?

D13:

Grab your textbook, and take 5 minutes to read the following pages (& answer the following questions as you do): pp 128-130

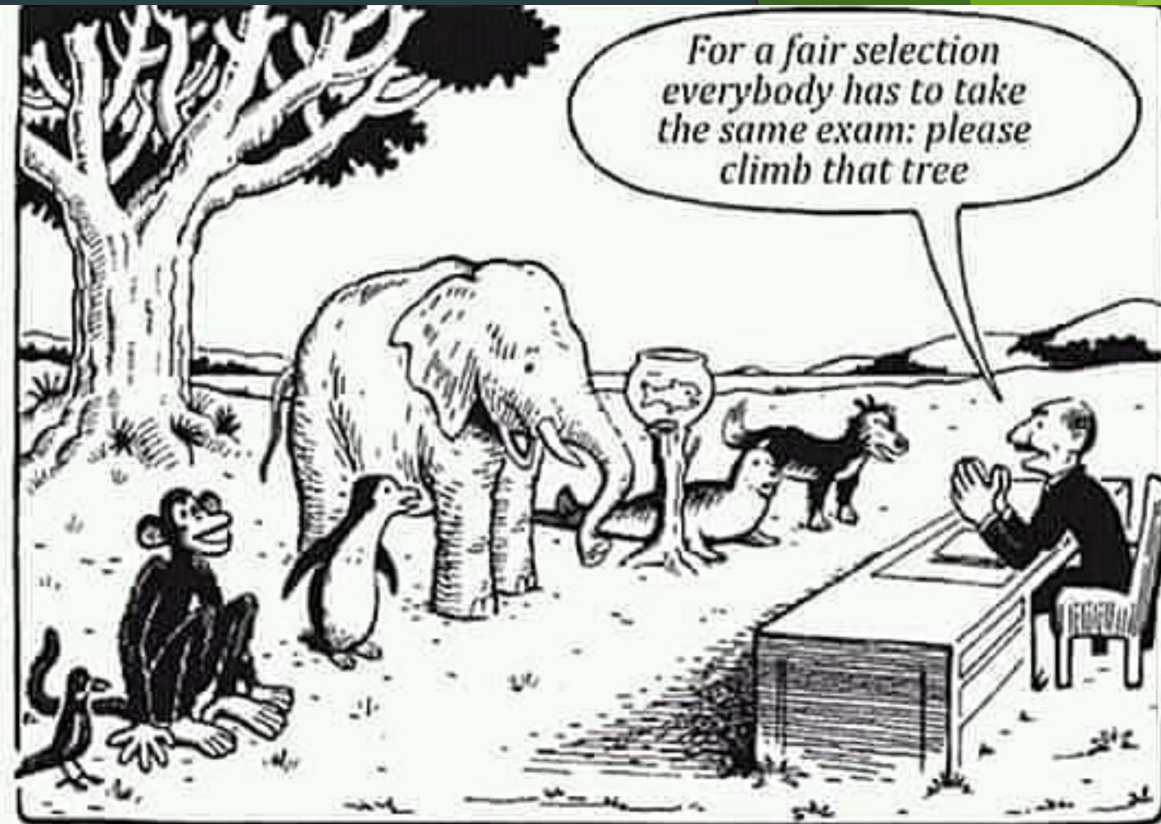
- ▶ *How is your assignment similar / different to the process of a research paper? Explain 3 of these:*
- ▶ *Do you agree with the author when they state: “It is best to approach your research with openness and questioning”? Explain:*
- ▶ *How long can this research process take? What lesson do you take away from this?*

Goals:

- ▶ *Discuss and practice how research can help hinder / assist you in being persuasive at a speech and debate competition.*

Fallacy of the Day

- ▶ False / Weak Analogy:
- ▶ Using an analogy that doesn't make sense, and therefore the conclusions drawn are not good.



Our Education System

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

- Albert Einstein

Debate Time:

- ▶ Next debate will happen in 10 minutes!
- ▶ See handout for schedule, resolution:

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially raise the annual limit for employment-based immigrants, eliminate the per-country limits for employment-based immigrants, and exempt individuals with graduate degrees in science and engineering fields from the numerical limit.