

Worksheet Exercise 5.3.

Name _____

Fallacies of Misconstrual

Class _____ Date _____

Identify the fallacies that are committed in the following passages. Some passages may fit more than one fallacy, but just pick one. Write your answer in the blank provided.

1. Everyone, including myself, has a right to speak freely, to express his opinions, without restrictions imposed by governmental rules. So, as presiding judge in this case, I can tell you that what the defendant has done is a great evil and violates God's moral law. I urge you to keep this in mind as you begin your jury deliberations.

2. Studies have shown that students who are philosophy majors score significantly higher on LSAT tests than other majors. You would do well to become a philosophy major.

3. If we had a National Health Insurance in this country, then the overall quality of health care in this country would be lowered. So, it is better not to have a National Health Insurance.

4. Peace negotiations always cause an increase in violence, because we have observed that each time when peace negotiations start, the violence on both sides increases dramatically.

5. You say that these records contain sensitive information, and that they should therefore be kept confidential. But when people are sensitive in their dealings with others they should be commended for those actions; and so, we should make these records public.

6. Three out of four doctors recommend the healing ingredient in Moladilin. Use what most doctors recommend. Use Moladilin.

7. This war must stop. Our boys are getting killed every day. We cannot let such an evil situation continue any longer.

8. This war must continue until we win. Many of our brave soldiers have died for this cause. We must not let their deaths be in vain.

9. We have recently learned an important fact: Most people in this country are strongly opposed to the policies of this administration. We base this conclusion on the fact that almost all the people who answered this question on our political organization's website were opposed to the policies.

10. And we should stop saying that all people are created equal. It just isn't true. Some people are richer than others, some are smarter than others, some are stronger than others, some are more talented than others, some are more successful than others, and on and on. It's a fact: We are definitely not equal.
