

Fallacies 1

Identify the fallacies employed in each of the following arguments.

1. A: We should relax the laws on beer.
B: No, any society with unrestricted access to intoxicants loses its work ethic and goes only for immediate gratification.
2. If the policymakers carefully examine the data, they will enact the best policy. However, the policymakers did not examine the data carefully. Therefore, they will not enact the best policy.
3. You have to save enough money to pay your bills each month because bills have to be paid.
4. If you give a man a gun, he may kill someone. If he has no gun, then he will not kill anyone.
5. Many people have argued against prayer in schools. However, most of these arguments are thinly veiled attempts to advocate atheism. Atheism not only leads to the suppression of religion, but also corrodes the moral fabric of society.
6. If it's raining, then the streets will be wet. The streets are wet. So it must be raining.
7. I deserve to have a later curfew, so you should let me stay out until 3 a.m.
8. If Donald Trump owns Fort Knox, then he is rich. Donald Trum is rich. So he must own Fort Knox.