



Criticism

1 Arguments

1.1 Does the conclusion follow from the reasons given?

- Qualifiers
- Distributing terms
- Converting claims
- Affirming and denying

1.2 Are there hidden assumptions in the argument?

2 Evidence

2.1 Does the author have enough reliable evidence?

- Untypical examples/insufficient or weighted evidence

2.2 Does he represent the evidence accurately?

- Statistics

2.3 Does he draw reliable inferences from it?

- Analogies
- Oversimplifying (stereotypes, straw men, special pleading, false dilemma)
- Invalid causal inferences (post hoc fallacy, cause/correlation, multiple and underlying causes)

2.4 Are the inferences relevant?

- Attacking the person, popularity, authority, fear, compromise

3 Language

3.1 Is the author's meaning clear?

- Jargon
- Loaded language
- Begging the question

3.2 Does she use words consistently?

- Equivocation