

## Fallacies II: Identify by Naming

- a. I like your aunt. She seems to be a wonderful person.
- b. I have the right to gamble and drink. So, when I gamble and drink, I'm right to do so.
- c. I appreciate your offer of financial assistance for our Children's Fund. We'll now be able to provide many more services for children than we would have otherwise.
- d. Now look who's for this "widening-the-roads" proposal: A senator from a rural state, where they barely use highways, and another senator whose driving record is so bad that he shouldn't be on any highway, no matter HOW wide. This is a bad proposal.
- e. Honor is worth having because it is had by truly honorable persons.
- f. Between the Nike running shoe and the Reebok running shoe, the Nike is clearly superior. Therefore, the Nike is the better running shoe.
- g. Every attempt to disprove the existence of higher beings has failed. So it doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that we can believe in them.
- h. Nothing is better than eternal happiness. And an old, dirty nickel is better than nothing. So, an old, dirty nickel is better than eternal happiness.
- i. This is clearly a very wealthy organization. So we can reasonably conclude that all of its members must be wealthy.
- j. Sen. Jenkins is one of those ultraconservative reactionaries the kind who believe in business before people. So, don't waste your time on her proposal regarding health care for the aged; instead, review some from more mainstream representatives.
- k. You say you want to know whether the professor is right or not? Well, you're standing on my left, and she's on my other side. So she looks right to me.
- l. But the instructor MUST be right. He's so darned good looking!
- m. Do you realize who originated this proposal? He's never even graduated from high school AND he's an ex-convict. Forget it!
- n. I like watching a good comedy. It helps me to relax.

o. The reasons Sen. Jones offers in favor of normalizing relations with Cuba aren't the important thing here. What's important is that he has relatives in Cuba who'd be better off if we normalized relations with Cuba. You should disregard such biased arguments, and stick with our current approach.

p. Doctor: "You need to quit smoking now, Mr. Proctor. It's seriously worsening your heart problems." Proctor: "Hey! I saw you smoking in the lobby not fifteen minutes ago! I'm sure not going to quit on your say-so!"

q. Joe: "Hey, you know that clerk gave you a twenty dollar bill in change, and he only should have given you a five. You should have let him know!" Flo: "Forget it. Once a cashier in this store forgot to ring up one of my coupons at the register, too."

r. Fr. O'Dowd: "Stealing is wrong. It deprives the producer, and rewards the predator. And, the predator learns only to practice being a predator. It produces nothing but misery for the one, and discontent for the other." Mr. Outloud: "Of course you believe it's wrong to steal ....you're a priest."

s. I don't think you should believe anything Yoshi says. She's never offered me any evidence of her trustworthiness.