

## Exercise on Fallacies

- a. Michael Jordan says Air Jordans are the best for basketball. Who knows better? I want Air Jordans.
- b. The Surgeon General says that smoking is hazardous to your health. So, I'd better assume that it is.
- c. Pat: We ought to liberalize the laws governing the use of marijuana for medical purposes. Matt: Hey ...no way! Giving people unrestricted access to drugs will weaken the moral fiber of the country, and hamper this country's efforts at efficient production.
- d. I think I'll major in philosophy. I like the field, and I've thoroughly researched a number of career opportunities that would favor philosophy majors.
- e. Your arguments against the US/NATO intervention are simply ridiculous. And by the way, I notice that you have a Russian last name. I have even heard you speaking Russian. All of your claims should simply be dismissed on that account.
- f. I'm in favor of the right to dissent, but I do not believe it should be exercised. - L.B. Johnson
- g. Sure, this is the tastiest flavor of ice cream. The instructor just said so!
- h. No one can accuse my company of prejudice against gays or lesbians. Last year, we sponsored a float at the Gay Pride parade in New York City.
- i. The professor is right, without question. But we'd better be prepared; she may be wrong.
- j. Senator Jones proposes that we should spend less on welfare. So, she must believe that poverty has ended in America, and that there are no more poor or needy. I suggest that the senator take a look outside.
- k. But the professor MUST always be right. He teaches philosophy!
- l. Company president: "Salaries will go up immediately." Company VP: "Salaries will increase, but not for some time."