

# The 10 Commandments of Logic & Debate

1. Thou shall not attack the person's character, but the argument. ([Ad hominem](#))
2. Thou shall not misrepresent or exaggerate a person's argument in order to make them easier to attack. ([Straw man fallacy](#))
3. Thou shall not use small numbers to represent the whole. ([Hasty generalization](#))
4. Thou shall not argue thy position by assuming one of its premises is true. ([Begging the question](#))
5. Thou shall not claim that because something occurred before, it must be the cause. ([Post Hoc/False cause](#))
6. Thou shall not reduce the argument down to two possibilities. ([False dichotomy](#))
7. Thou shall not argue that because of our ignorance, claim must be true or false. ([Ad ignorantum](#))
8. Thou shall not lay the burden of proof onto him that is questioning the claim. ([Burden of proof reversal](#))
9. Thou shall not assume "this" follows "that" when it has no logical connection. ([Non sequitur](#))
10. Thou shall not claim that because a premise is popular, therefore it must be true. ([Bandwagon fallacy](#))