

Week 16

The art of deception

What is logic?

When is an argument acceptable?

Argument and difficulties in identifying arguments

Syllogism

Rules for valid syllogisms

Presenting your case:

Theoretical construct

Two groups of beliefs: (a) raw data (b) theoretical construct

Examples: Freudian theories and Marxist theories

The trick here is. . .

Nonverbal devices

Attacking an argument:

Genetic fallacy

Definition

Attacking the conclusion

Accident

Face-to-face debate

Defending your case:

Appeal to ignorance

Quoting out of context

Cause-and-effect reasoning

Problem with the concept of “causation”

