

# The Fallacy Fallacy Redux

Nobody asked but ...

Just because someone argues about a thing by using a logic fallacy does not make the thing itself untrue. In fact, citing your antagonist's logic slip, then claiming victory thereby is just another instance of the appeal to authority. The authority in this case are the tandem of your fallacy guru and your argumentation guru.

Firstly, you cannot “win” an argument, since an argument is a process for testing fact, not a pissing match.

Secondly, it is impossible to make a sound argument by citing a fallacy. Such would only get you and your debate partner to a logical starting point for addressing any remaining fallacies.

Here is an example: some will insist that global warming is climate change that will come true, because ... science. But an open-ended reference to science is no different than an appeal to magic practitioners. It is an unsupported assertion in the form of an appeal to authority.

BUT — and this is a big “but” — the fallacy makes the original assertion, that global warming is coming, neither true nor false. There are no authorities who can know the future.

— Kilgore Forelle