

COMMON LOGICAL FALLACIES

The Claim: “Students have too much homework”

Fallacy	Definition	Example Using the Claim
Hasty Generalization	Making a conclusion based on too little evidence	“I have a lot of homework tonight, so all students everywhere must have too much homework.”
Bandwagon	Saying something is true because many people believe it	“Everyone says students have too much homework, so it must be true.”
Straw Man	Misrepresenting the opposing argument to make it easier to attack	“Teachers just want to overload students with work and don’t care about their lives.”
False Cause	Assuming one thing causes another without proof	“Students are stressed, so homework must be the only reason they are stressed.”
Slippery Slope	Assuming one small step will lead to extreme consequences	“If students have homework, they will become so stressed that they will eventually quit school.”
Appeal to Emotion	Using feelings instead of facts to prove a point	“Students cry every night because of homework, so it should be eliminated.”
False Dilemma	Presenting only two choices when more exist	“Either we have no homework or students will be miserable.”
Ad Hominem	Attacking the person instead of the argument	“Teachers who assign homework just don’t understand what students go through.”

