

➡ EXERCISE 5.10

Determine which of the following statements are logical arguments and which are fallacies. If the statement is not logical, identify the fallacy that best applies.

1. Almost all the students I talked to said that they didn't like the senator. I'm sure he'll lose the election on Tuesday.
2. This car has a noisy engine; therefore, it must create a lot of pollution.
3. I don't know how Professor Resnick can be such a hard grader. He's always late for class.
4. A vote for the bill to limit gun sales in the city is a vote against the Second Amendment.
5. It's only fair to pay your fair share of taxes.
6. I had an internship at a government agency last summer, and no one there worked very hard. Government workers are lazy.
7. It's a clear principle of law that people are not allowed to yell "Fire!" in a crowded theater. By permitting protestors to hold a rally downtown, Judge Cohen is allowing them to do just that.
8. Of course this person is guilty. He wouldn't be in jail if he weren't a criminal.
9. Schools are like families; therefore, teachers (like parents) should be allowed to discipline their kids.
10. Everybody knows that staying out in the rain can make you sick.
11. When we had a draft in the 1960s, the crime rate was low. We should bring back the draft.
12. I'm not a doctor, but I play one on TV. I recommend Vicks Formula 44 cough syrup.
13. Some people are complaining about public schools, so there must be a problem.

14. If you aren't part of the solution, you're part of the problem.
15. All people are mortal. James is a person. Therefore, James is mortal.
16. I don't know why you gave me an F for handing in someone else's essay. Didn't you ever copy something from someone else?
17. First, the government stops us from buying assault rifles. Then, it limits the number of handguns we can buy. What will come next? Soon, they'll try to take away all our guns.
18. Shakespeare was the world's greatest playwright; therefore, *Macbeth* must be a great play.
19. Last month, I bought a new computer. Yesterday, I installed some new software. This morning, my computer wouldn't start up. The new software must be causing the problem.
20. Ellen DeGeneres is against testing pharmaceutical and cosmetics products on animals, and that's good enough for me.



IMMIGRATION TIME-OUT

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Proposition 187 “is an outrage. It is unconstitutional. It is nativist. It is racist.”

—AL HUNT, *Capital Gang*, CNN

That outburst by my columnist colleague, about California’s Prop. 187—¹ which would cut off social welfare benefits to illegal aliens—suggests that this savage quarrel is about more than just money. Indeed, the roots of this dispute over Prop. 187 are grounded in the warring ideas that we Americans hold about the deepest, most divisive issues of our time: ethnicity, nation, culture.

What do we want the America of the years 2000, 2020, and 2050 to ² be like? Do we have the right to shape the character of the country our

grandchildren will live in? Or is that to be decided by whoever, outside America, decides to come here?

By 2050, we are instructed by the chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley, Chang Lin-Tin, "the majority of Americans will trace their roots to Latin America, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Pacific Islands."

Now, any man or woman, of any nation or ancestry can come here—and become a good American.

We know that from our history. But by my arithmetic, the chancellor is saying Hispanics, Asians, and Africans will increase their present number of 65 million by at least 100 million in 60 years, a population growth larger than all of Mexico today.

What will that mean for America? Well, South Texas and Southern California will be almost exclusively Hispanic. Each will have tens of millions of people whose linguistic, historic, and cultural roots are in Mexico. Like Eastern Ukraine, where 10 million Russian-speaking "Ukrainians" now look impatiently to Moscow, not Kiev, as their cultural capital, America could see, in a decade, demands for Quebec-like status for Southern California. Already there is a rumbling among militants for outright secession. A sea of Mexican flags was prominent in that L.A. rally against Prop. 187, and Mexican officials are openly urging their kinsmen in California to vote it down.

If no cutoff is imposed on social benefits for those who breach our borders, and break our laws, the message will go out to a desperate world: America is wide open. All you need do is get there, and get in.

Consequences will ensue. Crowding together immigrant and minority populations in our major cities must bring greater conflict. We saw that in the 1992 L.A. riot. Blacks and Hispanics have lately collided in D.C.'s Adams-Morgan neighborhood, supposedly the most tolerant and progressive section of Washington. The issue: bilingual education. Unlike 20 years ago, ethnic conflict is today on almost every front page.

Before Mr. Chang's vision is realized, the United States will have at least two official languages. Today's steady outmigration of "Anglos" or "Euro-Americans," as whites are now called, from Southern Florida and Southern California, will continue. The 50 states will need constant redrawing of political lines to ensure proportional representation. Already we have created the first "apartheid districts" in America's South.

Ethnic militancy and solidarity are on the rise in the United States; the old institutions of assimilation are not doing their work as they once did; the Melting Pot is in need of repair. On campuses we hear demands for separate dorms, eating rooms, clubs, etc., by black, white, Hispanic, and Asian students. If this is where the campus is headed, where are our cities going?

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If America is to survive as “one nation, one people,” we need to call a 11
“time-out” on immigration, to assimilate the tens of millions who have lately
arrived. We need to get to know one another, to live together, to learn together
America’s language, history, culture, and traditions of tolerance, to become a
new national family, before we add a hundred million more. And we need
soon to bring down the curtain on this idea of hyphenated-Americanism.

If we lack the courage to make the decisions—as to what our country will 12
look like in 2050—others will make those decisions for us, not all of whom
share our love of the America that seems to be fading away.