

“Class Convention Regarding the Distinction between *argumentum ad metum* and *argumentum ad baculum*”

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For our purposes, we understand cases of *argumentum ad metum* (appeal to fear) and *argumentum ad terrorem* (appeal to terror) according to the “Scare Tactics” section from Moore and Parker. We understand cases of *argumentum ad baculum* according to the “*Baculum, argumentum ad*” selection from Pirie.

Our convention will be to say that all cases of *argumentum ad baculum* (appeal to the stick/rod/threat) are cases of *argumentum ad metum/terrorum*, but with the distinction that an *argumentum ad baculum* involves a concrete threat. However, not every case of *argumentum ad metum/terrorum* involves a concrete threat, so it is not the case that all cases of *argumentum ad metum/terrorum* are cases of *argumentum ad baculum*.