

1. "Pryor has called Roe v. Wade "the worst abomination of constitutional law in our history." He defended infamous Alabama state judge Roy Moore, who posted the Ten Commandments in his courtroom and had them engraved in a monument in the court building's rotunda, where they stay, awaiting an appeal from a higher court. Pryor believes that accepting homosexuality and decriminalizing gay sex acts will lead to sex with human corpses, as well as assorted members of the animal kingdom." *The Birmingham News*

2. "A constitutional right that protects 'the choice of one's partner' and 'whether and how to connect sexually,'" Pryor has written, "must logically extend to activities like prostitution, adultery, necrophilia, bestiality, possession of child pornography and even incest and pedophilia (if the child should credibly claim to be 'willing')." *The Birmingham News*

3. "Voting 'No' on Amendment One is a vote to keep Alabama the way it is. Voting 'No' is to keep the status quo in Alabama. We are in a crisis in this state; a 'No' vote is a failure to recognize and fix the crisis. Voting 'No' means you think education in Alabama is fine the way it is." Riley TV commercial

4. "Last month a reporter with The Philadelphia Inquirer asked Riley policy adviser David Stewart why most Alabamians weren't supporting the tax plan. He answered, "The people of Alabama are... too stupid to know better." On Sept. 9, Alabama voters have an opportunity to prove that they know better." *The Birmingham Weekly*

5. "Most people make dietary decisions only about the next few months of their life. This is why diets fail or people have rebound effects. You do not plan whether or not to get married or whether or not to have children only by examining the next six months of your life. You should not make life long plans about dietary changes by examining the immediate future." From *Vegetarian Times* article concerning the Atkins Diet

6. Doesn't matter if Saddam had WMD:

A recent letter, while correct in his comments, left out a very basic argument for the current war. Whether or not Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction is completely irrelevant.

We knew he was torturing innocent people. At that point, there were only two options to take: Do something about it or not.

We believe it is wrong for any person to be tortured and killed for his beliefs. It's just one of the reasons why we're the greatest country on Earth.

If we did not invade Iraq, Saddam would still be in power. That's a fact whether you care to admit it or not. You can't be both against the war and against Saddam.

The current state of affairs in Iraq, or anything else, has nothing to do with whether disposing of Saddam was morally right or wrong.

Letter to the Editor of *The Birmingham News* Hunter Coleman of Mountain Brook

7. Zell Miller RNC 2004

Today, at the same time young Americans are dying in the sands of Iraq and the mountains of Afghanistan, our nation is being torn apart and made weaker because of a Democrat's manic obsession to bring down our commander in chief.

"Nothing makes me madder than someone calling American troops occupiers rather than liberators."

8. Cultural plan ill-conceived:

Liberals, culture mongers, tax-free foundations and others - inflamed with evangelical zeal - have managed a political coup against Jefferson County taxpayers. We will be forced to pay for an ill-conceived "cultural plan" to broaden our horizons (whether we like it or not).

They now hope to force this insanity down the throats of the residents of 10 more Alabama counties, and it's going to cost us a bundle.

Region 2020, the biggest backer of this travesty, worked with Wolf, Kerns & Co. to conjure up the "cultural plan." I think it's significant that it states on its Web page section, "Greater Birmingham Cultural Plan Situation Paper," that it desires to "make art visible and unavoidable."

"Unavoidable?" That's the key word. We're going to have it jammed down our throats, and we'll pay for it.

The great men who wrote our Constitution had no idea that the culture Nazis would ever come up with a plan for the tax-paying masses to support their particular arty hobbies. I want someone to tell me why a tax-paying NASCAR aficionado, coal truck driver, bass fisherman, avid golfer, football fan or any person, for that matter, should be forced to subsidize the whims of some culture maven as she drags her servile, tuxedo-wearing husband off to the ballet.

Jimmy C. Jones (Letter to the Editor *The Birmingham News* 9 January 2005)

9. "...if you have the right to consensual sex within your home, then you have the right to bigamy, to polygamy, to incest, to adultery... It all comes from, I would argue, this right to privacy that doesn't exist, in my opinion, in the United States Constitution." Rick Santorum

10. "We are fighting them (terrorists) abroad (the Middle East) so we do not have to fight them here where we live." President George W. Bush

11. "An immigration reform bill needs to be comprehensive, because all elements of this problem must be addressed together or none of them will be solved at all."
Bush nationally televised speech on illegal immigration May 15, 2005

12. "As a general matter, every time that sensitive intelligence is leaked, it hurts our ability to defeat this enemy."
Bush Press Conference on NSA telephone database, May 15, 2005

13. "I'm not going to let the death of 2540 men be in vain. I'm not pulling out until the job is done."
George W. Bush

14. The question remains whether Left Behind can justify its videogame violence with the Bible. If a player's only penalty for killing New Yorkers is a loss in spiritual points, then violence actually goes less punished in Eternal Forces than in seemingly more violent competition like Grand Theft Auto, in which homicide results in being pursued and arrested by the police. And in Grand Theft Auto, bodies disappear shortly after being killed.

Evangelical Gamers fire back

Like Schumsky, most Christian game developers covet the mainstream audience and feel the reason they haven't broken through is because videogame critics compare their games to more successful market standards like Grand Theft Auto. Christian game developers say the comparison is unfair because they believe their games are morally superior.

www.alternet.org/story/38873/

15. LANSING -- A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by a men's rights group on behalf of a Saginaw County man who said he shouldn't have to pay child support for his ex-girlfriend's daughter.

U.S. District Judge David Lawson in Bay City ruled Monday that Matthew Dubai's suit was frivolous and ordered him to pay attorney fees to the state.

Dubai, 25, of Saginaw Township said his ex-girlfriend, Lauren Wells, knew he didn't want to have a child and she assured him she couldn't get pregnant because of a medical condition.

He argued that if a pregnant woman can choose among abortion, adoption or raising a child, a man involved in an unintended pregnancy should have the choice of declining the financial responsibilities of fatherhood.

Lawson rejected Dubai's argument that Michigan's paternity law violates the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause.

"The fundamental flaw in Dubai's claim is that he fails to see that the state played no role in the conception or birth of the child in this case, or in the decisions that resulted in the birth of the child," Lawson wrote.

Sure half of the genetic material is his, but the other half is hers and she has a choice. He doesn't. That's not equality.

But since when was biology about equality? Eagles are faster and stronger and have better vision and large claws and bunnies can jump. Is that fair?

16. Sen. Dan Brownback said in his arguments supporting the Federal Marriage Amendment banning homosexuals from acquiring marriage licenses, "You now have counties in Norway where over 80% of the first born children are born out of wedlock and 2/3 of the second children."

17. "One cannot be steeped in history and long remain a Protestant." -- Cardinal Newman

18. "Alcohol Frequently Seen in Cases."
(Newspaper headline)

19. CPB chairman Kenneth Tomlinson received an angry phone call from an old-friend complaining about the "liberal bias and lack of balance" in Bill Moyer's Emmy award-winning show Now. Tomlinson's friend said it was up to Tomlinson to "rein in" the liberal bias at PBS. Tomlinson's friend did not renew the \$300,000 donation his foundation annually gave to a local PBS station. "On reflection", Tomlinson wrote in the Washington Times, "I decided he was right."

FYI: Notable conservatives who have appeared on PBS include William F. Buckley who hosted 1,429 episodes of "Firing Line", John McLaughlin, Ben Wattenberg (who

has his own show *Think Tank*), William Bennett, Fred Barnes, Peggy Noonan, Tony Brown, and Morton Kondrake. Additionally, two independent polls conducted in 2002 and 2003 demonstrated that 9% of Americans thought PBS's Iraq war coverage was anti-administration. 5% said it was pro-administration. 9% said NPR's war coverage was anti-administration; 4% said it was pro-administration. 3% thought PBS's Iraq war coverage was anti-war; 4% thought NPR's Iraq war coverage was anti-war. Only 1% thought PBS's Iraq war coverage was anti-US; 2% thought it was pro-US. The same statistics hold for NPR. Overall, 24% of American adults said PBS had a liberal bias; 12% thought it had a conservative bias. 58% of the total population identifies itself as conservative while only 33% identify themselves as liberal. Ergo, less than half of conservatives believed PBS "leaned left".

(Taken from Eric Boehlert's *Lapdogs* excerpt reprinted with permission in *TelevisionWeek* 5 June, 2006.)

20. Taken from the GRE Argumentative Writing Section list of questions:

In measuring electrical activity in different parts of the brain, researchers found that people who describe themselves as generally happy have more activity in the left prefrontal lobe of their brains than do other people. Therefore, a medication for stimulating the left prefrontal lobe of the brain would be an effective treatment for clinical depression.

21. "Cheney Accused of Politicizing Terrorism"

By LIZ SIDOTI

Associated Press Writer

Senate Democratic leaders on Friday accused Vice President Dick Cheney of playing politics with terrorism and contended that voters won't buy Republican arguments that the GOP is stronger on national security. Democrats sought to put Republicans on the defensive on what historically has been a GOP strength -- national security. The heated rhetoric came a day after the disclosure of a thwarted plot to blow up flights from Britain to the United States. Within hours of that news, each party accused the other of doing too little to deter the threat of attack.

"They've run this play one too many times," Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said in a conference call with reporters. "The American people simply do not recognize any validity in what they're saying."

Republicans, in turn, accused Democrats of political posturing.

"It sounds to me like Senator Reid is trying to accuse us of politicizing while he, himself, is politicizing the issue," said White House press secretary Tony Snow. "The comments that this administration has been making, including me, have been aimed at simply trying to get people to think seriously about, How do you achieve the goal of winning the war on terror? When you're in a war, the goal should not be how to get out. It should be how to win and then to get out."

Some Republicans suggested that Democratic rule could endanger the country.

22. "How is the Pacific salmon endangered, when I can buy canned salmon in the grocery store?" -- Helen Chenoweth

23. (Background information: Swinburne in this book is attempting to justify belief in God given the existence of evil (human suffering). The argument from evil provides a valid and possibly sound deductive argument against the existence of God—refer to Chpt. 1 of his book.) "Given the assumption of life after death for humans, the compensation for [suffering] may for some of them come after death."

Taken from *Providence and the Problem of Evil* by Richard Swinburn.

24. Opponents, including Health Minister Tony Abbott, warned that therapeutic cloning is open to abuse and could create animal-human hybrids.
(Taken from "Australian Senate Oks Cloning" By ROD McGUIRK, Associated Press Writer)

25. Enemies of biblical Christianity assert that the biblical account [of the flood] borrowed from the Gilgamesh epic. Followers of Christ cannot agree. So in line with the Apostle Paul's teaching in [2 Corinthians 10:5](#), it's important to demolish this liberal theory.

For instance, in Genesis, God's judgment is just, he is patient with mankind for 120 years ([Genesis 6:3](#)), shows mercy to Noah, and is sovereign. Conversely, the gods in the Gilgamesh Epic are capricious and squabbling, cower at the Flood and are famished without humans to feed them sacrifices. That is, the human writers of the Gilgamesh Epic rewrote the true account, and made their gods in their own image.

([2 Corinthians 10:5](#): We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ)

Taken from <http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs2004/0329gilgamesh.asp>

26. Proverbs 6:9-11: How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.

27. And, according to the Aryan Nations leader, non-white races were created before Adam, and are the sub-human "beasts of the field" referred to in Genesis 2:19. "It's clear they have lower intelligence," Williams said. "Blacks are soul-less mud people who never had Yahweh's breath of life."

http://www.truthout.org/docs_2006/101906J.shtml

28. Lawmakers on Capitol Hill — responding to a growing clamor from parents and advocacy groups who argue the rise in the number of autistic children is linked to childhood vaccines — say they want the CDC out of the business of vaccine safety. Their argument is that the agency is tainted by conflicts of interest because it is also the chief promoter for vaccinations.

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,219538,00.html>

29. I don't know that this meeting took place, but what I really don't know, what I'm quite certain of, is that it was not a meeting in which I was told there was an impending attack and I refused to respond.

Taken from "Rice: No Memory of Warning" Washington Post 10/03/2006

30. The Federalist papers were written to convince the populous to accept a republican union formed via the ratification of the *Constitution of the United States of America*. Therefore Republicans know best how to govern our country.

31. At his press conference Wednesday, the president was asked what lessons he's learned after five years of war. He's been asked a version of this question many times since he had [such trouble answering it in April 2004](#). He has tried various responses over the years and none has been satisfying. This morning's answer also fell short: "It is

important for us to be successful going forward is to analyze that which went wrong, and clearly, one aspect of this war that has not gone right is the sectarian violence inside Baghdad."

<http://www.slate.com/id/2155903/>

32. In the laudatory 2002 book *The Murdoch Mission*, author Wendy Goldman Rohm asks Murdoch how he draws the line in countries where human rights and freedom of speech are abused. Murdoch answers:

"I don't know. It's the popular thing to say that China abuses human rights. Their answer is 'there are plenty of human rights abuses in this country. And in every country'".

<http://www.slate.com/id/2165839?nav=tap3>

ANSWERS

1. Slippery slope – causal
2. Slippery slope - semantic
3. This one depends upon the intent of the speaker. It could be any of the following: ad hominem abusive, poisoning the well, false equivocation (Voting "No" means X).
4. Ad hominem abusive
5. *Potential* false analogy. This may not be a fallacy.
6. False alternative, False equivocation
7. Ad hominem abusive, Equivocation
8. Ad hominem abusive (x2), False equivocation, dependent upon the intent either (inclusive) the opposite of Appeal to snobbery (a type of appeal to emotion) or Appeal to majority
9. Irrelevant conclusion
10. Contradiction. (Technically this is a formal fallacy. Analysis of claim: either the "War on terror" is global or it is not. Either the "War on terror" is a war against an ideology or against groups like al Qaeda and Hezbollah (or both).
11. Division
12. False cause
13. Non sequiter. Analysis: The statement looks like it means "So that these soldiers' deaths are meaningful we must allow more soldiers to die, so-on-and-so-forth." What is relevant is success not more fighting and success requires a winning strategy which is the criticism logged against the administration to which this is Bush's reply. (The victorious strategist only seeks battle after the victory has been won; whereas he who is destined to defeat first fights and afterwards looks for victory. -- Sun Tzu)
14. Subjective fallacy (We did not discuss this one.)
15. Irrelevant conclusion, False analogy
16. non sequiter
17. Genetic Fallacy
18. Amphiboly
19. Ad hominem abusive (intended), Appeal to force,
20. False cause
21. *Potential* Tu Quogue. This may not be a fallacy.
22. Fallacy of accident
23. Begging the question
24. Straw Man, Slippery slope causal, Composition, potential red herring or false equivocation
25. Begging the question, appeal to force, diversion, ad hominem abusive or poisoning the well
26. Slippery Slope - causal
27. Post hoc ergo propter hoc
28. Ad hominem circumstantial
29. Amphiboly
30. Equivocation
31. Diversion
32. Tu quo que