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Argument: Rhetorical Analysis

Directions: Analyze the following statements to determine which are fallacious statements, and what types of fallacies (hypostatization, equivocation [terms], or ambiguity [syntax]) are demonstrated.

1. I will not vote for any government social programs, as I do not believe in socialism.
2. Guns do not kill people; people kill people.
3. (Store advertisement): Today only: Umbrellas 50% off.
4. America expects every person to do his duty to his country.
5. Shooting deer with automatic weapons should be against the law.
6. If you believe in the miracles of the Bible, you should also believe in the miracles of science.
7. It should be against the law to serve alcohol during church hours.
8. The law demands obedience of its citizens.

Directions: Analyze the following statements to determine which are fallacious statements, and what types of fallacies (sweeping generalization, hasty generalization, or bifurcation) are demonstrated.

9. A woman in Salt Lake killed an intruder with her handgun, proving that homes where there is a gun are safer than those without a gun.
10. Illegal immigrants take jobs away from citizens.
11. If you don't like the laws in Utah, go back where you came from.
12. Pit bulls are dangerous dogs. A girl in Ogden was mauled and disfigured by one recently.
13. Look at that slow driver! I'll bet he's Hispanic.
14. My country; love it or leave it!
15. Of course Mitt Romney will win the Senate seat in Utah: he's Mormon.
16. If we teach about birth control in schools, students will think it is OK to have premarital sex.