

PLE 350/AJU 350
Critical Thinking and the Law

Assignment #7
DUE 09.20.2010

Your assignment is to find an editorial from any publication and analyze the argument therein. My advice is to find an editorial the subject matter of which is of some interest to you. You may analyze editorials/arguments in the genre of your choosing...sports, politics, current events, etc., but please try to avoid magazine/newspaper articles that are not organized arguments – these are often impossible to analyze. If you are having trouble finding an editorial, [CLICK HERE](#) for some recent USA Today editorials.

After finding your editorial, please analyze the editorial's argument(s) by answering the following: (If your editorial has more than one argument or contains subarguments, please perform the analysis for each)

1. What is the argument's Exact Conclusion?
2. Is the argument Deductive or Inductive?
3. If Deductive, is the argument valid?
If Inductive, is the argument strong?
4. Does your editorial contain either of the following: (If so, list)
 - a. Irrelevant Reason Fallacy/Red Herring
 - b. Appeal to Ignorance
5. Is the argument Convergent or Linked?
6. Does the argument ask the reader to make any assumptions? If so, list one (1).
7. Lastly, please sketch a diagram of the editorial according to the style used in Chapter 6.

Please provide a link to the online version of your article OR attach a copy to your analysis.