

Vic Skeptics October 2019 Crossword

Theme - Logical Fallacies #7

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ACROSS:

- 1. & 3 across & 5 across & 8 across & 11 across: Latin for "after this therefore because of this." This is when we infer A caused B simply because B happened after A. **Example:** The shaman prayed for the sun to reappear, and it did. Prayer works! [4, 3, 4, 7, 3]
- 3. See 1 across

- 5. See 1 across
- 8. See 1 across
- 11. See 1 across
- 13. Imperial unit of length [4]
- 14. One who attempts to refute points made in an opponent's argument by counter-argument [8]
- 16. & 17 across: Dismissing a claim or argument because of its origin or history. **Example:** "The whole idea of time travel is preposterous because it derives from Science Fiction" [7, 7]
- 17. See 16 across
- 19. & 20 across & 21 across & 22 across: a.k.a. *Ad populum.* It is argued a conclusion must be true because most people believe it true. *Example:* "Fifty million Frenchmen can't be wrong" a saying that arose in 1920s America as a counter to Prohibition. [6, 2, 3, 7]
- 20. See 19 across
- 21. See 19 across
- 22. See 19 across
- 25. Great delight, especially from one's own good luck or another's bad luck [4]
- 26. Play on words [3]
- 28. & 31 across & 32 across: Irrelevant adverse information about a person is pre-emptively given to an audience, with the intention of discrediting what that person is about to say. *Examples:* "Before you listen to my opponent, may I remind you that he has been in jail"

 "My opponent will now tell you that being a vegetarian is a good life choice. Hitler thought so too" [9, 3, 4]
- 31. See 28 across
- 32. See 28 across
- 34. Farm building [4]
- 35. Propulsive devices [4]
- 36. Inquired [5]
- 39. The use of clever but false, often misleading arguments [9]
- 40. Attractive trap [3]
- 43. Give reasons or evidence in support of a position [5]
- 44. A small type of auk [6]
- 46. Gave a brief statement of the main points [10]
- 50. Based on a mistaken belief or premise [10]

- 51. William of Ockham's help set the rules of evidence [5]
- 52. Not true, given a basis of false information or unsound reasoning [7]
- 54. Silicate of beryllium and aluminium, often used as a gemstone [5]
- 55. Require as essential [4]
- 56. Novice or beginner [4]
- 57. & 59 across & 60 across: a.k.a. *appeal to purity*. Stereotypes are upheld by portraying people who do not conform to them as exceptions. Origin:

Person A: "No Scotsman puts sugar on his porridge."

Person B: "But my uncle Angus is a Scotsman and he puts sugar on his porridge."

Person A: "But no true Scotsman puts sugar on his porridge."

Examples: Describing one's opponent's position as "Un- Australian" or "un-Christian".

The American Tea Party describing less extreme-right colleagues as "not real Republicans" [2, 4, 8]

- 59. See 57 across
- 60. See 57 across
- 62. Confirm or settle a deal, contract or bargain [6]
- 63. As well as [4]
- 65. A state of correctness or precision [8]
- 66. Accustom an infant to nutrition other than its mother's milk [4]
- 69. Occupying or covering a great distance or period of time [4]
- 72. Individual article in a list [4]
- 73. Magnanimously [10]
- 74. Mistake [5]
- 76. Usually dry, but functional natural water course [4]
- 78. Spiny succulent American plant [5]
- 79. Leaves out [5]
- 80. Person or potion which restores youth [11]
- 81. Cunning, deceitful [3]
- 83. Differ, change, alter [4]
- 85. Sauce, typically based on melted cheese, which is sampled by dipping small pieces of bread [6]
- 86. Quiet, gentle, submissive [4]
- 87. Concerned with money-making enterprise [10]
- 88. Person or potion which restores youth [11]

DOWN:

- 1. Root vegetable [7]
- 2. Gains a surprise advantage making use of a valuable resource or data [6]
- 4. Plane figures whose boundaries each consist of points equidistant from a fixed (centre) point [7]
- 5. Electrocardiogram (abb) [3]
- 6. The art of persuasive speaking or writing, assisted by technique [8]
- 7. Done openly [5]
- 9. Cereal [4]
- 10. Beverage [3]
- 12. Semi-precious variety of agate with different colours in layers [4]
- 15. Involuntary quiver [6]
- 17. Sheet of floating ice [4]
- 18. Takes advantage of an available resource [6]
- 22. Entreaty [4]
- 23. Church furniture [4]
- 24. & 49 down: (Fallacy of the _____) occurs when someone argues that a compromise between two extremes must necessarily be correct. *Example:*Some politicians want to ban all refugees. Others want to grant them full citizen on arrival. A compromise solution arises that would have all refugees perform several tasks to eventually earn citizenship. [6, 6]
- 25. Evil grave-robbing spirit [5]
- 27. Not able to be accounted for using available evidence [13]
- 28. Recompense [3]
- 29. The state of being variable, unpredictable or unreliable [13]
- 30. Keeps watch in order to protect or confine [6]
- 33. Buddhist monastery [8]
- 37. Small barrels [4]
- 38. Mathematical operation resulting in a quotient [8]
- 39. Chemical symbol of an abundant element which is a non-metal with semiconducting properties [2]
- 41. US state [4]
- 42. The body of information indicating whether proposition is valid or invalid [8]
- 45. & 62 down: (Fallacy of the _____) Assumes that the existence of a continuum of possible states between two binary positions means that said

positions are not meaningfully different. **Examples:** Anti-abortionists argue that human life begins at fertilisation; termination of pregnancy, however early, is therefore murder.

"Why shouldn't I trust on-line alternative medical sites? Orthodox Medicine has been wrong before and could easily be wrong now." [5, 9]

- 47. Website address [3]
- 48. Indian dish made with lentils or other split pulses [3]
- 49. See 24 down
- 53. Reduction of the intensity of a conflict or potentially violent situation [12]
- 58. Of music written for many instruments [10]
- 59. As a logical fallacy, using words or phrases that mean the same thing twice, but using different words; a kind of circular reasoning. *Examples:*Therapeutic touch works because it manipulates life force" the definition of "therapeutic touch" is the alleged manipulation of life force, so it's like saying that breathing keeps you alive because it exchanges carbon dioxide for oxygen [9]
- 61. A kind of logical argument that applies deductive reasoning to arrive at a conclusion based on two or more propositions that are asserted or assumed to be true. The validity if the conclusion depends on the validity of either or both propositions. *Correct Example:* All female birds lay eggs. Swans are birds; therefore female swans lay eggs.

Incorrect Example: People often perspire when they lie. You perspire when answering my questions. Therefore, you must be lying. [9]

- 62. See 45 down
- 63. Inelegant, ungainly [7]
- 64. Conveyed information by uttering words [4]
- 67. One's first appearance in a particular capacity [5]
- 68. Single-minded in pursuit of a cause or objective [7]
- 70. A priest or priestess acting as a medium for prophecy [6]
- 71. Intermediate between black and white [4]
- 75. Piece of old cloth [3]
- 77. Lesser in importance, seriousness, or significance [5]
- 82. Eggs [3]
- 84. Japanese currency unit [3]

SOLUTION

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