

Ad hominem (Tu quoque)

English 101

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What are Fallacies?

An often plausible argument using false or invalid inference(webster)

There are many fallacies: Hasty generalization, slippery slope, tu quoque, straw man, false dichotomy

These fallacy fall into three groupings; logo, ethos, and pathos or logical, ethical, and emotional.

often identified by a lack evidence to support their claim



Can we let a shrimp like this run our great country?

What is Ad Hominem Tu quoque?

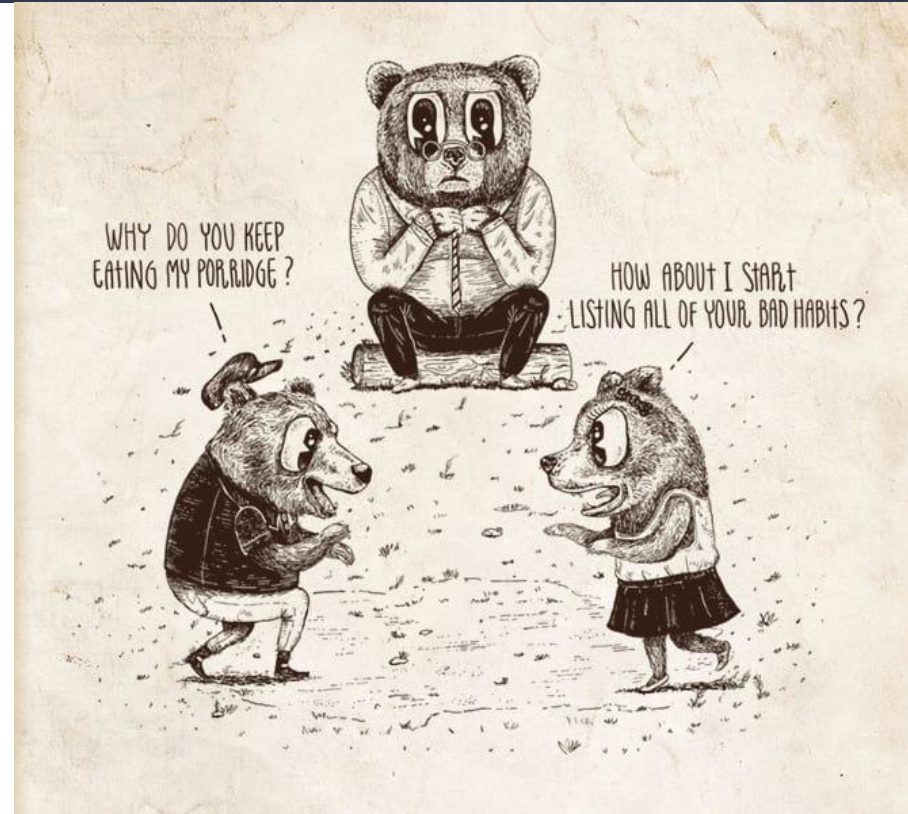
Ad Hominem Tu quoque broken down

Ad hominem is Latin and means literally 'to the person'

- Person A has a claim
- Person A is making an argument against person B
- Person B is the opponent to person A's argument

The logical fallacy happens when person B tries to refute the claim made by person A by saying something negative about person A.

When this happens Person B aims to avoid the claim made by person A altogether and can end up throwing off the argument made by Person A.



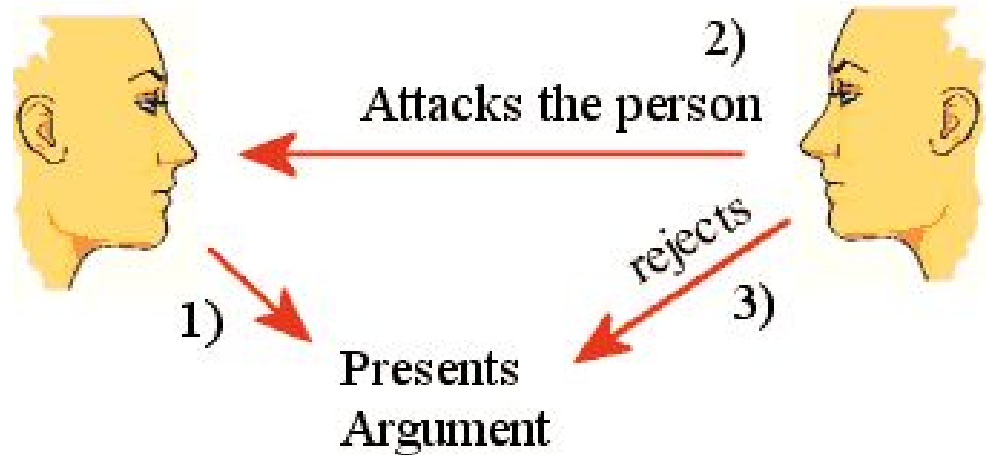
Examples of Tu quoque

An example of ad hominem tu quoque would sound something like this:

Person A: You know, cigarettes are proven to be unhealthy and can cause cancer to the people around the smoke.

Person B: I saw you eating a big mac earlier don't talk to me about health!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5rEinuEdYw>



How to avoid using Tu quoque

To avoid it you have to try not to attack what one personally does or throw arguments back in others face

Be careful not to question people's personal beliefs to attack their argument

stay focused on your opponent's reasoning, rather than on their character.



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