

Fun with fallacies 7: Oh well, fuck you!

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✘ Finally the argumentum ad hominem, the personal attack. The manipulative tool, the distraction, and the red herring. It means to the man, and it is when someone attacks the person who made an argument, rather than the argument. This can take many, and frequently inventive forms, it can be subtle, or it can be obvious, it can be forceful and understated, it can be overt and covert.

Here is an example:

Person A: I don't think feminism should be defined as being about "gender equality" due to the many ideological tenets that promote misandry, such as Andrea Dworkin and Valerie Solanas. Furthermore, the use of the term "rape culture", and treating all men as potential rapists.

Person B: That's because you're a misogynistic, sexist, evil person.

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