

# Homework 5

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**Problem 1.** *Extract an argument from the text below.*

*Lower taxes would help our economy. After all, there are two possibilities: lower taxes will help, or they will hurt. But they wouldn't hurt: taxes have been low before, in the 1980s, and everything was fine. So they'd help.*

**Problem 2.** *Extract an argument from the text below.*

*If we raise taxes, then everyone's lives will improved. After all, we'll be able to pay for universal healthcare if we raise taxes. And everyone will benefit from that.*

**Problem 3.** *Extract an argument from the text below.*

*Vaccines are dangerous: they contain aluminum and mercury!*

**Problem 4.** *Extract an argument from the text below.*

*If Putin was stupid, then he wouldn't interfere in our election. But he would: he is really smart, after all.*

**Problem 5.** *Extract an argument from the text below.*

*Early Marxist theories of economics and history were falsifiable; and indeed, they were shown to be false. In response, Marxists augmented their theories so as to avoid falsifiability. Thus, the theory was saved. But only at the price of making it unfalsifiable. (Popper, "Science: Conjectures and Refutations")*

**Problem 6.** *Go online and extract five arguments from five different sources. Those sources can be drawn from basically any reasonable place on the internet: news articles, blog posts, spoken remarks in a video, spoken remarks in an audio clip, comments, etc.*

*Before each extraction, you should quote the source in full. For instance, if you are extracting an argument from a paragraph in a blog post, then you should quote that paragraph in your homework (do not quote the entire blog post, of course...that would be quite long). You should also provide the url for that particular blog post, so that I can find it online. Alternatively, if you extract an argument from spoken remarks made in an online video, then you should type out those remarks in your homework. You should also (i) provide the url for that particular video, so that I can find it online, and (ii) specify the time range, in that particular video, when someone makes the remarks from which your extracted argument derives.*