

## 7.9. Pragmatic Fallacies

**Begging the Question:** An argument which, in the process of arguing for some claim, uses that very claim as one of the premises (hence arguing in a circle).

**Complex Question:** An attempt to trap someone by asking a question which has a false (or controversial) presupposition.

**False Dichotomy:** An attempt to trap someone by asking a question which presupposes a false or controversial dichotomy (disjunction).

*(Notice that False Dichotomy is thus really a particular species of Complex Question).*