

Truth, Validity, and Convincing Arguments

- Two requirements for a rationally **convincing** argument:
 1. The **premises** of the argument must **all** be **true**.
 2. The **argument** must be **valid**.
(Informally: the conclusion must *follow from* the premises.)
- **Valid argument**: an argument where true premises are guaranteed to be followed by a true conclusion

(*In other words*: an argument where it's **impossible** for the premises to be true without the conclusion also being true.)