

Glossary for course in Critical Thinking 批判性思考. Sb. = Somebody/Someone, Sth. = Something, VS. = versus

acting against one's own interests 违背自己的利益

ad hominem (attack)/ "name calling" 诉诸人身

ace in the hole 最后王牌

appeal to Sth./Sb. 向...呼吁

arbitrariness/arbitrary 霸道/专制的

argument/argue 论据

an article of faith 坚定的信念

analogy 类比 (Sth. is) analogous (to Sth.) 类似的, 同功的

analysis/analytical/analyze 分析

(a Sth.-)apologist (for Sth.) 辩护者, 卫道士 1

assertion 断言

assume/assumption 假定、设想、(想当然地) 认定

"as it turns out..." 根据目前情形, 最终证明后来发现

axiom/axiomatic 公理、格言; 公理的、不言自明的

bait & switch 诱导转向法 (是一个英文俗语 用欺骗的方法达到自己的目的)

have (no) bearing on Sth. 和...有(无)关

"beat around the bush" 说话拐弯抹角, 兜圈子

belabor Sth. 反复研究... (使事情变得复杂)

(one's) best interests 最高利益

betray Sth./Sb. 背叛.....

beyond the pale (因为太过分) 不可接受

beyond reproach 无可非议, 不能指责

bias/biased 偏见、偏爱 / 有偏见的

bickering 斤斤计较

bigot/bigotry/bigoted 执拗的人/偏执/偏执的

bite the hand that feeds Sb. 恩将仇报

"the blame game" 推诿责任

blanket statement 空谈, 以偏概全

(have) blinders on 因盲目致使忽略... (像一匹戴了眼罩的马, 只看见那前方, 而看不见四周)

blindly accept Sth. 盲目的接受... blind faith 盲目的信仰

boilerplate 样板文件、公式化、陈词滥调

brainwashing 洗脑

bulleted list 项目符号列表

buy Sb./Sth. out 收买, 贿赂

"call BS" "call Sb.'s BS" 不要说废话

call Sb. out (for Sth.) 为...向某人叫板

call/bring Sth. into question 对某事提出质疑

"Can't see the forest for the trees"

"The Capital-T Truth" 大写的真理

catachresis (misuse of words) 用词不当

Catch-22 第22条军规, 令人左右为难的规定

ceteris paribus 其他条件都相同, 别无其他条件

change Sb.'s mind (about Sth.) 改变某人的主意

"(one's) chickens come home to roost" 恶有恶报

circular logic/argument 循环论证

cliché 陈词滥调

cloud the issue 掩盖事实

clue Sb. into Sth. 向...提供情报

conclusion 结论

come to grips/terms with Sth. 对付...

come to one's own conclusions 自己得出结论

compatible (with Sth./Sb.) 兼容的, 一致的

compromise 妥协

(Sb. is) compromised 被妥协

compromise one's integrity 违背某人原则

con artist 江湖骗子, 金光党, 能说会道的人

conjecture 推测

conspiracy theorist/theory 阴谋论(者)

constructive VS. destructive criticism 建构/解构性的批判

conflict of interest 利益冲突

contemplate 深思熟虑

(in) contempt (of/for) (对规则, 危险) 藐视

contentious 好辩的、好争吵的、有争议的

context/contextualize 上下文/将...放在上下文中去研究

contradiction/contradict 矛盾、反驳、否认、不一致

controversy/controversial 争议、(公开的) 争论

conventional wisdom 传统观点, 群众的意见, 传统智慧

convince Sb. of Sth. 使...坚信...

convinced 新服的、确信的

convoluted 旋绕的、费解的

corner Sb. 逼迫某人

(Sb. is) cornered 被逼上绝路的

counter Sth. 反驳

counter-argument 相反的论点; 指提出相反的论点

counterintuitive 违反直觉的

"cover one's ass" 自我保护

credibility/credible 可信性

credulous 易受骗的

critique Sth./Sb. 批评、批评法、评论

damning 谴责的

dance around Sth./Sb. 说话拐弯抹角, 兜圈子

"death by a thousand cuts" 千刀万剐

debunk Sth./Sb. 揭穿真相

decimate Sth./Sb.'s argument 封杀某人的观点

deceptive 骗人的、虚伪的、欺诈的

deduce from Sth. 从(所给事实) 推论出

deductive VS. inductive 演绎推理 vs. 归纳论证

deep VS. shallow 深的/浅的

deficiency/deficient 缺乏, 缺陷, 缺点/不足的; 不充分的

deflection & distraction 王顾左右而言他

deluded/delusional 被迷惑的, 幻想的

"Denial ain't just a river in Egypt." 某个人固执己见, 拒

绝承认既成事实

detailed 详细的

didactic 说教的, 迂腐的

dig in one's heels 站稳脚跟; 坚持自己的立场

"dirty pool" 不正当的手法

disavow 不承认, 不支持

discredited 不足以信的

disillusion 给...泼冷水, 使...不再抱幻想

disorganized 紊乱的 无组织的

dispassionate 心平气和的, 不动情的

dis (informal for "disrespect") 不尊敬 (在 rap 中用到)

dispute Sth. 争论; 辩驳; 争议; 质疑

disputed/in dispute 有争议的

distort Sth. 曲解...

divide & conquer 分而治之, 逐个击破

"drink the Kool-Aid" 盲目相信, 像被洗脑了一样

dogma/dogmatic 教条/教条的

double-down on Sth. (i.e. putting more money or effort into a bet/wager/statement rather than retracting it) 双下降, 双倍下注

double negative 双重否定

double standard 双重标准

dupe 上当受骗的人

editorialize 发表意见

embellishment/embellish 润色, 修饰

(Sth. is) an empirical question 实证问题

The Enlightenment 启蒙运动

epiphany 顿悟

epistemology/epistemological 认识论

equivocation/equivocate/equivocal 含糊其辞/模棱两可的

erudite 博学的

escalate VS. de-escalate 升级 vs 缓解

esoteric 深奥的

euphemism/euphemistic 委婉的话/委婉的

evaluation/evaluate 估价、评价

evenhanded 公平的、公平无私的

evidence 证据

exception (to a rule) 例外 (make an...) 破例

exemplar/exemplary 模范榜样

expertise 专业知识

explanation 解释; 说明

explicit VS. implicit 明确的/含蓄的, 暗示的

extend an argument/principle to another context or situation

extreme/extremist 极端的/极端的人

evidence 根据, 证据

face the facts 面对事实

(take Sb./Sth.) at face value/uncritically 不加判断的相信

(Sb. is being) facetious 诙谐的, 诙谐幽默的, 滑稽可笑的

的, 惹人发笑的, (在不适合的场合) 开玩笑的

facts & figures 确实的消息, 准确的情报

factual/fact-based (基于) 事实的、真实的

fail to consider Sth. 没考虑到...

(take Sb./Sth. on) faith 坚信

fall for Sth. (be tricked by Sth.) 受骗

fallacy/fallacious 谬论、谬误的推理; 使人误解的、不合理的

false accusations 诬告

false consciousness 错误知觉

falsehood 谎言、虚假

falsify Sth. 歪曲

farce/farcical 开玩笑 / 可笑的, 滑稽的

fast-talk (Sb. into Sth.) 花言巧语的企图说服

faulty/flawed logic 有缺陷的逻辑

fight dirty 下黑手

"(them's) fightin' words" 挑衅的话

flow (i.e. from one point to another) 流动

(Sth. doesn't) fly (somewhere/with Sb.) 不行 (口语)

focus on Sth. 专注于.....

foil (for Sb.'s argument) 反衬

foregone conclusion 必然的结论

free associate 自由联想

fringe (position) 边缘

fundamentalism/fundamentalist 原教旨主义, 原教旨主义者

fuzzy math 用模糊的数据来糊弄他人的行为

gaslight Sb. 一种糊弄 (让某人认为自己记错了)

get to the bottom of Sth. 摸清底细, 弄清真相

get the point (of Sth.) 理解要点

glib 油腔滑调的, 随便的

"the gold standard of Sth." 黄金准则

a "gotcha question" 一种诱导性提问

grapple with Sth. 从根源解决...

grasping at straws 抓住救命稻草

(for) the greater good 为了社会大众

gullible 易受骗的

hang Sb. out to dry 把...坑苦了

have it out with Sb. (与某人) 斗一场解决争端, (与某人)

决一雌雄, (同某人) 讲个明白

hearsay 道听途说

heavy handed 严厉的, 压迫的

he-said she-said 道听途说

(Sth. does) the heavy lifting (for an argument) 替你完成了

繁重的/主要任务

hatchetjob 恶毒攻击

hear Sb. out 听...把话说完

highfalutin 夸大的

a hit piece 通过媒体批判某人

hold back 抑制

hold Sb. accountable for Sth. 让...为...负责

(Sth. doesn't) hold water 言之有理

(a) hole in the argument 论点的漏洞

hook, line, and sinker 眉毛胡子一把抓

hot air 吹牛, 废话连篇

hypocrisy/hypocrite/hypocritical 伪善/伪善的人/伪善的

hypothetical 假设的

idealistic 理想的

ideology/ideologue/ideological 意识形态/意识形态的拥护者/意识形态的

"If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."

impenetrable (text or argument) 费解的

(Sb./Sth. is) implicated by Sth. 被牵连到...中

imply Sth. 暗示...

(have Sb.) in one's pocket/own Sb. 控制某人

incendiary/inflammatory 煽动,

incisive 敏锐的, 犀利的

incitement (to riot, etc.)刺激 (引起暴乱)
incoherent 语无伦次的
inconsistency/inconsistent 不一致、不调和、矛盾
indoctrination/indoctrinated 教导,教化/被教化的
inductive VS. deductive reasoning 归纳论证 vs 演绎推理
information 信息; 情报; 资料; 通知
insightful 富有洞察力的
insinuation/insinuate 暗示、迂回进行、含沙射影地说
inveigh (against Sth./Sb.) 痛骂、猛烈抨击、强烈抗议
invoke Sth./Sb. 祈求..., 援引...
irrational 不理智的
irrelevant 无关的
irreverent 无礼的, 不敬的
it follows that... 由此可见...
jargon 行话
lapse in/of judgment 判断上的错误, 判断失误
leap of faith 尽管没有理由但还是相信
level with Sb. 开诚布公
“Let me finish.” 让我把话说完。
logic 逻辑
logical 符合逻辑的 VS. illogical 不合逻辑的
“look the beast in the eye”
loophole 漏洞
lose one's “train of thought” 被打断思路
(Sb. has) lost all credibility 彻底失去信誉
(the) mainstream 主流观点, 行为
make sense 讲得通, 合乎逻辑
make sense of Sth. 了解某事物的意义, 理解, 懂得
“mansplain” 大男子主义的说教
mark (Sb. targeted to be tricked/fooled)
misappropriate Sth. 不当使用
misconception 误解 错觉
misrepresent 误称、不合适地代表
misnomer 不当用词
miss Sth. (in a text) 漏掉 错过
miss Sb.'s point/miss the point 没领会要点
(throw a) monkeywrench (into Sth.) 阻挠, 破坏
moot/a moot point 无实际意义的/明日黄花
muddy the waters 混淆事实
mudslinging 诽谤
myth (Sth. people believe that's false) 虚构的故事、杜撰、捏造
naif 天真的人
naivete/naive 天真的, 幼稚的
namecalling 骂人, 中伤
negotiate in good faith 真诚的谈判
neglect (to consider Sth.) 忽略、疏忽、忽视[没有给予应
有的注意]
nihilism/nihilistic 虚无主义
nitpicking 挑细枝末节的
a non-issue/nothingburger 不重要的
non sequitur (questionable assertion without evidence) 不
合理的推论或结论
objectivity VS. neutrality 客观 vs 中立
obfuscation/obfuscate 使人困惑
Occam's Razor 奥卡姆剃刀
ontology/ontological 实体论, 本体论
one-sided (argument/editorial) 单向的; 片面的; 只见问
题一面的
opinionated 固执己见的
opposing viewpoint 相反的观点
“out of thin air” 无中生有地
overreaction/overreact (to Sth.) 过度的反应
(Sth. is) overstated 被夸张了的
overstep one's authority/expertise 超出某人能力所及
own Sb. 完胜
paint oneself into a corner 自找麻烦, 自寻烦恼
“pass the buck” 推卸责任
paraphrase 解释
path dependency 路径依赖
pedantic 迂腐的
persuasion/persuasive 有说服力的; 说服、劝说

pick Sth./Sb. apart 逐一反驳
(Sb. doesn't get to) pick and choose (things one likes from
things one doesn't like) 挑拣; 挑三拣四
pivot 王顾左右而言他
platitude 陈词滥调
play “fast & loose” with the facts 表示某些人的作为和处
世态度的成语, 有些人对人对事不是始终不渝、而是
朝三暮四的
play Sb. for a fool/sucker 把...玩弄得像一个傻瓜
play the ___ card (i.e. “the ethics/morality card” or “the
race card”) 用...进行说教
“poison the well”
polemic/polemical 辩论的; 争论的; 争议的
politically correct 说话不得罪人的
pollyanna 盲目乐观的人
pontificate 自以为是
the popular imagination 大众的想法
post-hoc rationalization (of Sth.) 事后理性化
“preaching to the choir” 多此一举
preconceived notion 预知的概念
premise 前提
pretense/pretentious 自负的
problematic 成问题的、有疑问的、不正确的
proof/prove Sth. 证明
propaganda 宣传
pros VS. cons 赞成的/反对的理由
provocative 刺激的; 气人的; 挑衅的
pull one's punches 手下留情
pushback (from certain groups or individuals) 反对
“put one's foot in one's mouth” 口误
“putting on airs” 装腔作势
question authority 质疑权威
question Sb.'s authority 对某人的权威提出质疑
questionable 可疑的
radical 根本的, 激进的
rambling/ramble 随笔
rationality/rational 理性/理性的
rationalize Sth. 据理解释
read between the lines 言外之意
reason (noncount) 理智
reason (count) 理由
reason with Sb. 说服某人
rebuttal 反驳
recapitulate 重述要点 (带有贬义)
red herring 转移注意力的话
reductio ad absurdum 反证法
redundancy/redundant 冗长的 重复/多余的
refute Sth./Sb. 反驳
reification/reify 具体化
reliable VS. unreliable source 可靠的/不可靠的资源
(Sth.) remains to be seen 尚待见分晓的
repetitive 重复性
reputable source 可靠的来源
rhetoric 修辞学, 辩论法
rhetorical question 反问
(without) rhyme or reason 杂乱无章 毫无道理
ridicule 嘲笑
“rip Sb. a new one”
(wear) rose-colored glasses 戴上有色眼镜
rule Sth. out 排除
sacred cow 不可批评的人
sacrosanct 神圣不可侵犯的
scapegoat 替罪羊
“scorched earth policy” 焦土政策
see through Sth./Sb. 看穿...
self-contradictory 自相矛盾的
sellout 叛徒
sell Sb./Sth. out (to the highest bidder) 出卖
“sheep” 墙头草
“shoot oneself in the foot” 砸自己的脚
“shot across the bow”/warning shot 鸣枪示警
simple VS. complex argument 简单/复杂的 论据

skirt the issue 回避问题
“sleight of hand” 障眼法
“smoke & mirrors” 用虚假信息骗人
So what?! (asked if one fails to see the importance of Sth.)
那又怎样
soapboxing 街头演说
(out of) spite (for Sth./Sb.) 为...泄愤
sophistry 诡辩术
spurious 假的; 伪造的
the status quo 现状
stereotype/stereotypical 刻板印象
stonewall Sb. 用冗长发言来妨碍议事
(Sth.) strains credibility 难以置信
strange bedfellows 萍水相逢的人
straw man 假想的对手
street cred 街头信誉
“street smarts” VS. “book smarts” 实践经验/书本知识
“(Sth. is) a stretch” 夸大某事
subjective 主观的
sucker 容易上当受骗的人
sully one's reputation 玷污某人的名誉
superficial 表面的 VS. deep 深的
supportive 支持的
suspend one's disbelief 暂不置疑
swatting flies VS. swatting tigers 打苍蝇/打老虎
syllogism 三段论法, 演绎推理, 诡辩
take issue with Sth./Sb. 对某事/某人持有异议
take Sb. at their word/in good faith 深信某人
take Sb. down a notch/peg 贬低某人
take Sth. for granted 认为某事是理所当然的
take Sth. into account 思量到某事
“take Sth. like the Gospel” 像福音一样接受某物
take Sth. out of context 断章取义
tautology 同义反复
tear Sth./Sb. apart 对什么很挑剔 把...批评得一文不值
tedious 沉闷的, 乏味的
tendentious 有目的的、有倾向的、有偏见的
think “outside the box” 想出别出心裁的点子, 跳出常规,
做另类的思考
“throw Sb. under the bus” 替罪羊
“Throw everything on the wall and see what sticks.” 向
别人展示一个(不太靠谱的)观点, 希望别人相信
toe the line 服从, 听从
tour de force 绝技
trash Sth. 丢弃
treat Sth./Sb. with kid gloves 小心翼翼的
trite 陈腐的, 普普通通的
true believer 虔诚的信徒
trumped-up 捏造的
ulterior motives (for Sth.) 隐性动机
uncritically/unthinkingly 不经思考地
under duress 被迫
undergird/underpin 从底层支撑,支持
unexamined assumptions 未经证实的假设
unfounded 无事实根据的; 无基础的; 尚未建立的
unpack (Sth./the assumptions) 调查分析
(Sb. is) unreasonable 顽固的, 非理智的
unsubstantiated claim 未经证实的声明
untenable 无法成立的, 无法持续的
valid argument (w/out loopholes) 暗示结论的争论
virtuous VS. vicious cycle 良性/恶性循环
wild goose chase 徒劳寻找
witchhunt 政治迫害
withhold information 隐瞒消息

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