

ACAR

Argument - Counter Argument - Repair

Argument

- Your argument is your thesis. It is the position you are taking on the issue at hand.
- Arguments should contain both analysis (where the issue is broken down into its essential components) and argumentation (reasons why the argument is effective). These two elements are often integrated.

Counter Argument

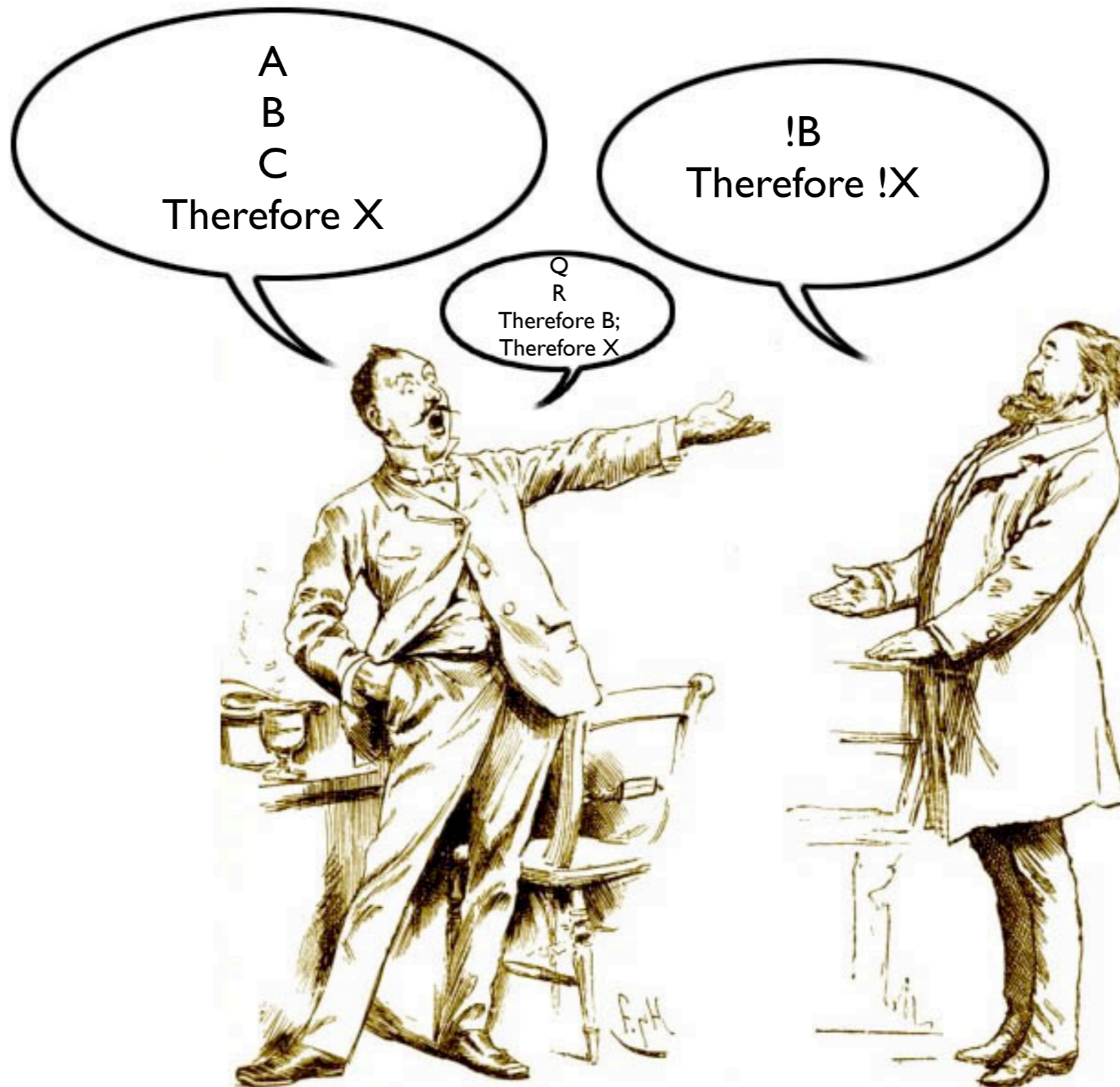
- Counter arguments are weaknesses or problems with the argument
- Counter arguments should be based on specific aspects of your analysis of the argument and must explain why the original argument is weak or flawed
- There is no such thing* as an argument for which not counter argument is possible

*Think Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster, Giants power hitters

Repair

- The repair specifically addresses the issue raised in the counter argument and, through analysis and argumentation, demonstrates why the counter argument does not destroy the claim made in the argument.
- The repair cannot simply be a restatement of the argument. It must represent further development of the claim in light of the counter argument.

ACAR = Dialogue



No dialogue = Cable News

