

## Performing Arts Virtual Learning 6-8/Acting & Debate Propaganda Techniques

April 28, 2020



6 - 8/Acting & Debate

Lesson: April 28th, 2020

#### **Objective/Learning Target:**

Show me standards Goal 1.7 Evaluate the accuracy of information and the reliability of its sources

6.3.b Organize ideas into a focused, easy to follow format for presentation



#### Propaganda Techniques

#### What are they? How are they used?

#### Fill out the chart below to start this new unit.

Know	Want to Know	Learned Today
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## **Background Information**



Have you ever felt like you were being manipulated to do something?

#### You probably were.

Propaganda is information that is **biased** or is used in such a way that it misleads the targeted individual, in turn motivating them to think or act a certain way.



#### Propaganda Techniques

# These are the propaganda techniques we will be covering.

Name Calling	<b>Glittering Generalities</b>
Transfer	Appeal to Emotion
Testimonial	Humor
Card Stacking	Faulty Cause and Effect
Either/Or Fallacy	False Analogy
Plain Folk	



## Name Calling - It's not what you think

Attaches a negative label to a person or thing. People engage in name calling to avoid supporting their own opinion with facts, rather than explain what they believe in.

<u>Here is an example of Verizon using Name</u> <u>Calling</u>

<u>Here is an example of AT&T using Name</u> <u>Calling</u>



## **Name Calling Continued**



You should ask yourself the following questions when you spot an example of name-calling.

- What does the name mean?
- What idea does the propagandist want me to associate with the person, group, or idea?
- Does the idea in question have a legitimate connection with the real meaning of the name?
- Is an idea that serves my best interests being dismissed through giving it a name I don't like?
- Leaving the name out of consideration, what are the merits of the idea itself?



#### Examples

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# Watch tv commercials and write down 3 that included Name Calling.

Name of Company	What did they say that was Name Calling?



## **Glittering Generalities**

- This technique uses important-sounding "glad words" that have little or no real meaning. These words are used in general statements that cannot be proved or disproved
- Example:

Honest-fair-awesome-best-outstanding

**<u>Click Here To See How Many You Can Hear</u>** 





# *Glittering generalities* are the mirror image of name-calling words.

One technique encourages us to reject ideas or people without considering the evidence; the other hopes we will approve of ideas or people without considering the evidence.



## **Glittering generalities to consider**

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Activity

## Watch tv commercials and write down 3 that included Glittering Generalities

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#### **Self Assessment**

Can you make up one slogan/saying for a product using each propaganda technique you learned today? Name Calling

**Glittering Generalities**