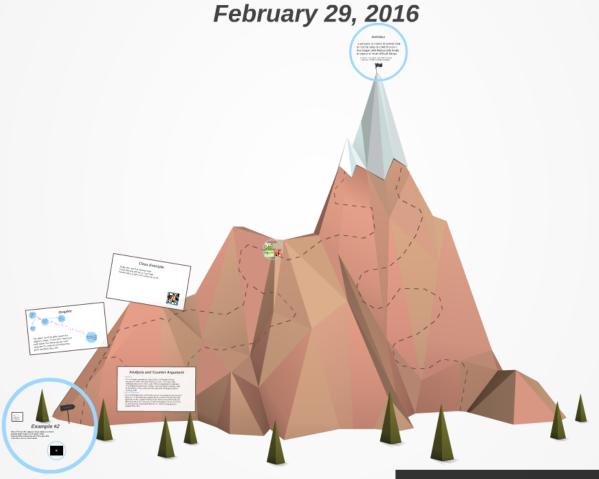
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Definition

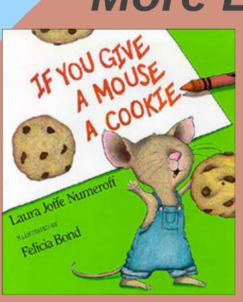
a process or series of events that is hard to stop or control once it has begun and that usually leads to worse or more difficult things

If we allow A to happen, then Z will eventually happen too, therefore A should not happen.



"Slippery Slope." Merriam-Webster. Merriam-Webster, n.d. Web. 11 Feb. 2016.

More Examples





School is killing us. Textbooks are made from paper, paper are made from trees, we need trees for oxygen. Thus, school is killing us.



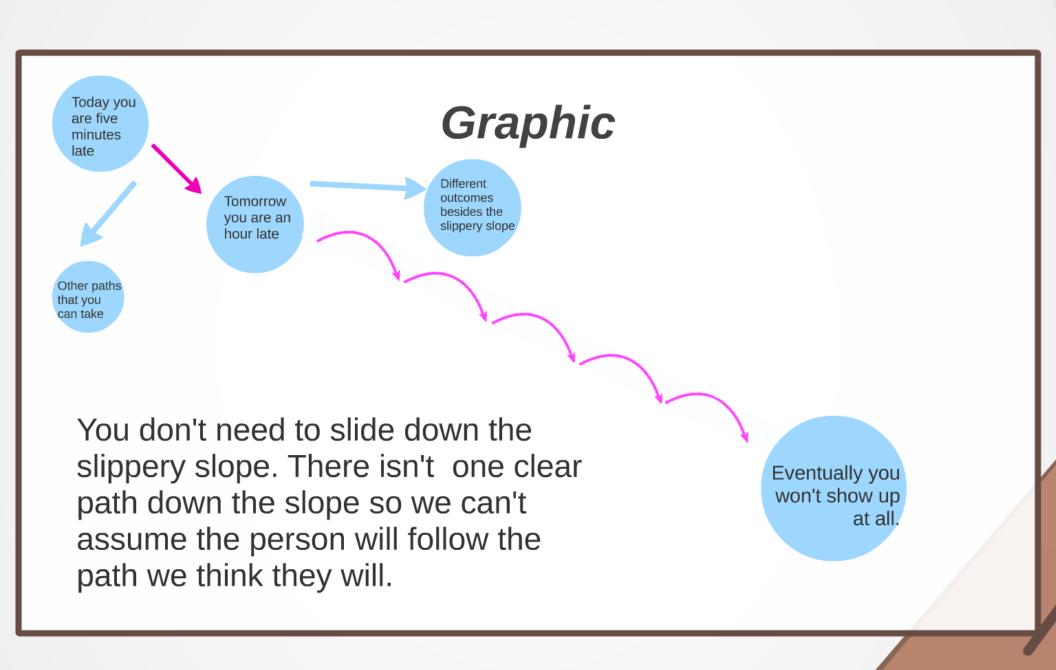
Class Example

Today you are five minutes late.

Tomorrow you will be an hour late.

Eventually you just won't show up at all.





Analysis and Counter Argument

Analysis

 The example commits the logical fallacy of Slippery Slope because it makes the claim that if you come late once, then eventually you won't come at all. This is a big jump to make with no evidence to back it up. It jumps from A(coming 5 minutes late) to B(coming an hour late) and then dramatically leaps to Z(not coming at all)

Counter Argument

 One could argue that coming late once is not evidence of perpetual lateness. There are many causes for the person to arrive late that could be out the control making it false that eventually the person will not come at all. They are assuming the person is late because of their personal choice but there is no evidence presented to support this claim.