



Homer: Not a bear in sight. The "Bear Patrol" is working like a charm!

Lisa: That's specious reasoning, Dad.

Homer: [uncomprehendingly] Thanks, honey.

Lisa: By your logic, I could claim that this rock keeps tigers away.

Homer: Hmm. How does it work?

Lisa: It doesn't work; it's just a stupid rock!

Homer: Uh-huh.

Lisa: But I don't see any tigers around, do you?

Homer: (pause) Lisa, I want to buy your rock.

## **CAUSATION?**

**Monthly ice cream sales and monthly murder rates are positively associated.**

**In World War II, bombers were less accurate when the weather was clearer.**

**People who drink diet soda are, on average, heavier than people who don't.**

**The number of highway fatalities went down when the national speed limit was decreased to 55 mph in 1973.**

**A study in Hungary showed that men who kept their cell-phones in the front pocket had lower sperm counts than men who kept them in the jacket pocket or briefcase.**

**When metal helmets were introduced in World War I, the number of head injuries treated at field hospitals increased dramatically.**

**Drivers not wearing seatbelts are more likely to be killed in an accident than are drivers wearing seatbelts.**

**Yearly membership in the Church of England and total yearly crimes in England are positively associated.**

**Red cars are more likely to be involved in accidents than blue cars.**