

IPFA09 - Argument summary 1 - Dan's summaries

Krugman, 'Forgive and forget?'

- (1) If we don't have an inquest into political corruption in the Bush administration, then politicians who abuse their power won't face any consequences for their actions.
- (2) If politicians who abuse their power won't face any consequences for their actions, then they will be above the law.
- (3)  $\therefore$  If we don't have an inquest into political corruption in the Bush administration, then politicians who abuse their power will be above the law. (1,2)
- (4) Politicians who abuse their power should not be above the law.
- (5)  $\therefore$  We should have an inquest into political corruption in the Bush administration. (3,4)

Chapman, 'Repeating economic woes'

- (1) The current recession was caused by the popping of the real estate bubble.
- (2) The real estate bubble was caused by putting too much money into housing.
- (3)  $\therefore$  The current recession was caused by putting too much money into housing. (1,2)
- (4) The proposed economic stimulus package would put more money into housing.
- (5) If the current recession was caused by putting too much money into housing and the proposed economic stimulus package would put more money into housing, then the proposed economic stimulus package will make the recession worse.
- (6)  $\therefore$  The proposed economic stimulus package will make the recession worse. (3-5)