

## Re: Poison, From the Far Right? (Rocket Fuel...)

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In article <PrudnZhuu9werb7fRVn-qA@dls.net>, Paul F. Dietz <dietz@dls.net> wrote:  
>I've found it's useful to characterize a position by the quality of  
>arguments advanced in its defense (on the theory that the best arguments  
>tend to be the ones used).

It's the famous theory of the weak argument. Trial attorneys are deeply fearful of them; a weak argument in court is a much bigger setback than a strong argument from the other side. The only problem is that the theory is false. The world is full of people who make bad arguments for just about every position.

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