

Cogent Reasoning is not the Same as Being Right

Example 1:

David Gibbs believes the world is flat.
Everything David Gibbs believes must be true.
∴ The world must be flat.

Example 2 (as stated in 2007):

All forty-three presidents of the US up until now have been white males.
∴ Therefore the next president, to be inaugurated on January 20, 2009, will probably be a white male.