

Fallacy of Suppressed Evidence, or Whitewash

Logical arguments must contain all relevant and important evidence. To key relevant and important evidence, is both manipulative and illogical; the fallacy of whitewash.

Example:

“The Patriot missile is an excellent weapon. Tests show that in 98 percent of firings, the missile successfully left the launch pad.”

Technically true. However, this omits information that after leaving the launch pad successfully, a majority of the missiles either blew up in mid-air or failed to hit the targets.