

Supplementary Appendix - Illustrative example of potential interpretation errors in connection with context

Original statement from a systematic review:

"One of the most salient differences between home birth and facility birth was the perceived lack of supportive attendance at birth in a facility"⁹³

Universal fallacy:

All women, regardless of context, perceive a lack of supportive attendance at birth in any facility

Focal fallacy:

Only women in low- and middle-income countries (the focus of the review question) perceive a lack of supportive attendance at birth in a facility (by implication those in high-income countries do not).

Evidence availability fallacy:

Only women in countries that supplied an included study for the review (e.g. Iran, Kenya, Tanzania, Timor-Leste) perceive a lack of supportive attendance at birth in a facility.