

# Enthymemes

**An argument in which one premise is not given**

# Structure of an Argument

Major premise

Minor premise

Conclusion

**Enthymeme:** A syllogism  
with an unstated premise

**Example:** Pugs are mammals  
because they are dogs

**Unstated premise:**  
All dogs are mammals



# Enthymemes are a Tactic

Enthymemes are used for several reasons

- The premise is obvious
- The argument is weak

**I NEVER WAS A DEMOCRAT...**

**...BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND  
BASIC ECONOMICS.**

**CLAIMS WE NEED COMMON SENSE GUN CONTROL**

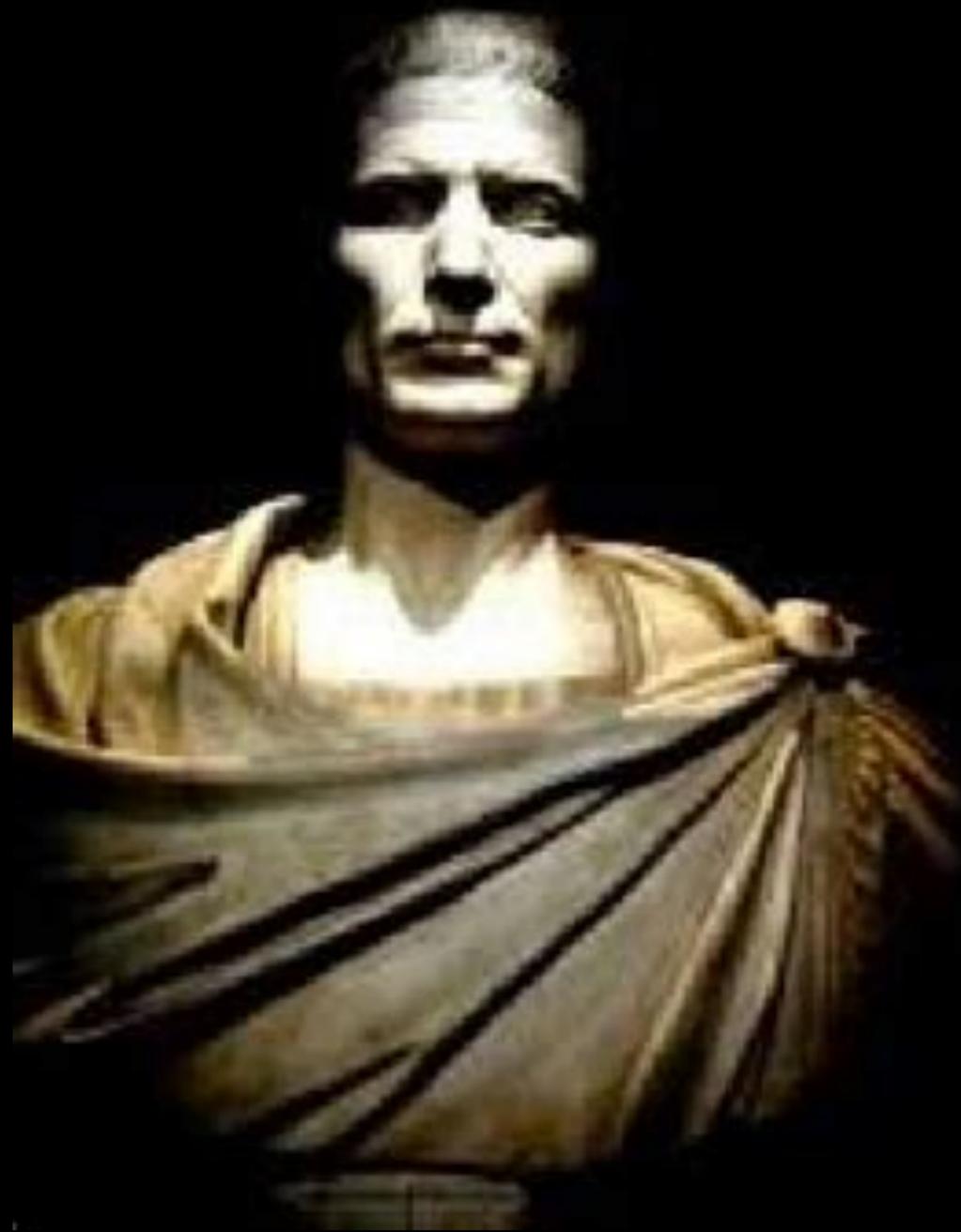


**ARMS "MODERATE REBELS" WITH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS  
OF GUNS TO OVER THROW "TYRANNICAL GOVT"**

**HOW MUCH MONEY WOULD  
YOU PAY**



**TO SEE THESE TWO  
DEBATE ECONOMICS**



He was my friend, faithful and just to me.  
But Brutus says he was ambitious.  
And Brutus is an honorable man.”

— Mark Antony

*Julius Caesar*, by William Shakespeare

Mrs. Morris is a teacher.  
Therefore, she gave me good  
advice.

**UNTIL THIS COMES OUT  
OF A MAN'S BODY**



**AN OPINION ON ABORTION  
SHOULDN'T COME OUT OF  
HIS MOUTH.**

