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Title: The Fallacy of Ad Hominem

The author begins to describe the fallacy of ad hominem through an example. The example illustrates how targeting the opponent, instead of the argument, can alter the course of a case. The author then goes on to tell the tale of a young Lincoln as an astute lawyer who effectively employed the use of ad hominem. Despite Lincoln's opponent winning, he cleverly directed the jury's attention to his opponent's city-slicker shirt with back buttons. Through that Lincoln built the winning argument his opponent lacks knowledge of law because he doesn't even know which side of his shirt is supposed to be in the front. The author states that this