139 The Conflation Mechanism

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The Demand

The next time you hear a policy argument built on a real, sympathetic harm, trace the whole chain before you accept the proposed fix: the real harm, the generalization, the policy solution, and the political aim that never gets named. Real harm doesn't automatically justify the specific fix being sold alongside it.

The Work

Name a policy argument you've recently heard built on a real, sympathetic harm:
Trace the chain:
The real harm being cited:
The generalization made from that harm:
The policy solution being proposed:
The political aim underneath that never gets named:
Does the real harm actually justify the specific fix being sold alongside it?