Consider the following 6 statements about language usage:

1. If someone living in California does not speak English, it is because they are unwilling to learn.

2. Ever since the 1970’s, men and women in America have pretty well been speaking the same way.

3. Ebonics is inappropriate for use in public school classrooms.

4. Amongst Americans, only people from the south and the northeast have accents.

5. English is used across the world because it can express a lot of ideas that other languages cannot.

6. The Facebook groups “I judge you when you use poor grammar” and “good grammar is hot” are a useful and productive use of the FB group application.

Whether you agree or disagree with each statement, your task is to identify a potential explanation for why somebody would subscribe to this belief. Discuss each statement with the following questions in mind:

- What observations is the statement based on?
- Are these observation accurate or distorted?
- What kinds of attributions are made about these observations?