Subject: why does the humvee have so little armor???? Posted by flyingfox on Tue, 06 Jul 2004 20:24:36 GMT

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mahkral didn't misuse the comma. The "because blah blah blah" part was an introductory clause. Introductory clauses should be set apart from the rest of a sentence by a comma. If you put the clause at the end of a sentence, however, a comma should not be used.

-CORRECT EXAMPLES-

Because I ate an entire pie, I feel stuffed.

I feel stuffed because I ate an entire pie.

Looking at this again it wasn't the comma I thought out of place. It was the first word after the comma, "that"; I don't think I've seen a sentence like that pass off. The sentence would have looked right if you left out "that":

Quote:But just because a bunch of ignoramuses use commas incorrectly, doesn't make it right.

This would go with your explanation on introductory clauses and the rest of the sentence. Let's look at your examples again; if they were worded in the way the sentence I pointed out was, the first would look like this:

Incorrect

Because I ate an entire pie, now I feel stuffed.

Correct

Because I ate an entire pie, I feel stuffed.

Now I feel stuffed because I ate an entire pie.