

Abstract

The number of studies investigating cheating has quickly grown in recent years. Followingly, the number of theories trying to explain the dishonest behavior and variance in experimental designs has increased as well. This thesis explains the principles on which the experimental designs are based, highlights their strengths and the weak sides and variations trying to get rid of them. In addition, it summarizes the current empirical findings with an assessment of their credibility. Furthermore, it makes use of the presented knowledge while proposing a study overcoming methodological issues of previous studies while focusing on effect with insufficient empirical support – a relationship between sleep deprivation and dishonest behavior mediated by depletion.

Keywords

Cheating, dishonesty, sleep deprivation