

## **Abstract**

In this work I study the relationship between cheating and required effort by means of an economic experiment. First, participants engage in a real-effort task and then are their payoffs randomly determined. However the experimental design allows them to misreport their payoffs. This method aims to establish whether higher effort required leads to increased dishonesty. I find that the average self-reported payoff is not significantly higher when the required effort is higher. Apart from the main results I find that cheating is more frequent among students with economics major and among students with previous exposure to economic experiments.