

Abstract:

This bachelor thesis focuses on psychological aspects of honesty and cheating linking the pieces of knowledge based on not only psychological, but also economical and pedagogical research. The attention of the first chapter is devoted to introduction of the issue outlining the borders between honest and dishonest behaviour and defining several streams of opinions maintaining the attitudes of particular researchers. The studies provided prove that cheating is not regarded as pathology of few individuals, but rather the way of behaviour typical of every single human throughout even more tense circumstances. Furthermore, the second chapter of the thesis deals with personal, situational and demographical factors influencing the circumstances under which people incline to dishonest behaviour as well as its extent and the ways of cheating. The insight into the mechanism of cheating and its possible ways of influencing is proposed. Hence the results presented in this part of the thesis are based on different methods of survey (questionnaires and experiments), the third chapter is concerned with discussions of their both advantages and limits relating to the particular focus of the entire thesis. The theoretical part is enclosed with overview of the ethical aspects of the survey of honesty and cheating.

Based on this knowledge, the experimental study has been designed aiming to find out how the certain way of reduction the degree of dishonest behaviour influences the measured extent of cheating within the time. Therefore the thesis purposes to extend the present knowledge of the possible ways of functioning and moreover directed influencing of dishonest behaviour.

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