

# Module 3: Ethical Considerations

## Assignment

Read each scenario below and answer the following questions:

- (1) STATE the single most obvious ethical problem or uncertainty in the study.
- (2) EXPLAIN specifically what about each study raises the ethical concern.
- (3) State WHAT SHOULD BE DONE DIFFERENTLY in each study to reduce or eliminate your concern.

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- **Scenario 1.** Standing in the shower late one night, Dr. Vole thought of a revolutionary new experiment that would change the face of all Psychology. The next morning at 8 a.m., he located some subjects and began conducting the study.
  - The single most ethical problem would be he picked random subjects and didn't get the experiment approved by the board.
  - He didn't identify his experimental research as well didn't get any approval to perform his experiment
  - He should submit his research project into the board for approval to perform his experiment
- **Scenario 2.** A researcher proposes to study pregnant adolescents who no longer live at home. The study will involve collecting information on drug use, dietary habits, residence information and childcare behaviors once they give birth.
  - The ethical problem is the researcher focusing on the drug use of pregnant adolescents..
  - They're focusing on who don't live at home and are assuming that leads to their drug use while pregnant
  - The researcher should focus mainly on dietary habits, residence info, and childcare behavior. As well how not living at home affects the adolescent in raising their child not living at home with the help.
- **Scenario 3.** A researcher proposes to conduct a study of elderly participants, aged 70 and up to assess the effects of physical training on physical strength and bone mass. The training will involve repetitions with weights and walking on a treadmill. The proposed duration of the study is six months. Participants will be recruited from a senior citizens center.
  - The ethical problem in this research project would be where they are picking the participants from. As well length as the study .

- Picking participants from the senior living center could be somewhat a issue due to some seniors can't workout how they would use to. And another issue would be repetition of the work rather than this own scheduled rounding workout .
  - I would pick seniors who usually workout on a daily to receive the results I want. And follow through with the participants regular workout routine .
- **Scenario 4.** It was late in the quarter and Professor Palamino was having trouble recruiting subjects to be in his research project on the effects of disgusting smells on learning processes. Thus, he announced to his Theories of Personality class that he would offer any student 5 points extra credit for serving in the study.
    - First ethical problem would be the professor didn't plan out his reach project correctly . And he doesn't have a focus group.
    - The professor doesn't have a focus group for his research and is just picking out his participants randomly by who wants extra credit for it
    - I would identify who I would need to be studying based off the results I'm trying to get
- **Scenario 5.** Dr. Critchenhead conducted a successful study and then published the results. To illustrate how subjects operated the test equipment, he included in the published article a picture of one of the subjects performing the experimental task.
    - The ethical problem would be the picture included in his project
    - The researcher forgot about confidentiality of the participant when he included the photo
    - I wold present all the items I found and would leave out the picture I have of the subject so they wouldn't be easily identified
- **Scenario 6.** As part of the requirements for his Research Methods course, Dr. Weiner assigned each student to participate as a subject in 3 research studies offered by the Psychology Department. Each experiment was worth 10% of a student's course grade.
    - The ethical problem in this would be consent from the students
    - The students didn't give him consent and weren't aware of the experiment
    - Inform the students and give info on the experiment