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**Cozby & Bates: Methods in Behavioral
Research (11th)**

Chapter 3: Ethical Research

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Milgram

- MILGRAM VIDEO (45 minutes) & DISCUSSION

Ethics: the Belmont Report

- *The Belmont Report: Ethical Principles and Guidelines for the Protection of Human Subjects of Research (1979)*
 - National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research
 - **Beneficence** (maximize benefit, minimize harm)
 - **Respect for Persons** (autonomy)
 - **Justice** (who receives the benefits of research)

Ethics

Protect Participants from Harm (Risks)

- Physical
 - e.g., alcohol studies (taxi)
- Psychological

Provide Freedom of Choice (Autonomy)

- \$ = choice? (if poor)
- Grade = choice?

→ Informed consent (see checklist page 43)

- Duration / commitment
- Risks
- Benefits
- Alternatives
- Confidentiality
 - Certificates of confidentiality from the department of health and human services
- Compensation
- Leave early (e.g., body odor example)
- Contact person
- “voluntary” clause (explicit)
- ... but not always possible ...

Maintain awareness of power differential

- force to participate?
- How can you tell?
- Coercion
- Lateness
- Silence of protests encouraged?
- False promise

Privacy

- Anonymity

Honesty versus deception

Debrief

- When possible

Deception

What are the costs of deception?

Alternatives to Deception include:

- Role Playing (help to determine ethical issues)
- Simulation Studies (Zimbardo Prison Study)
- “Honest” Experiments (Speed Dating)

APA Ethics Code

Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct
(aka the “Ethics Code”) <http://www.apa.org/ethics>

- Beneficence
- Responsibility
- Integrity
- Justice
- Respect for the rights and dignity of others

Institutional Review Board Application

Composition

- faculty (broad discipline w/ human research)

Overview

- cover sheet
- purpose & justification
 - hypothesis to be addressed
 - background information
- translation accuracy?
- Other institution permission?
- Consent form
- Sufficient information?
- Data collection instruments

Detail

- Participants
 - Number
 - Age
 - Type
 - Recruitment
 - Rationale
- Benefit
- Risk
- Compensation
- Confidentiality
- Materials
- Procedures

SJSU Human Subjects Institutional Review Board

- Forms
- Sequence
 - Institutional Review Board → Subject Pool → Subject Running
- **REQUIRED IRB TRAINING FOR SJSU INVESTIGATORS:**

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Note: this is the online training required for the “ethics training” assignment

Chapter 3 Terminology

- Belmont Report
 - Beneficence
 - Autonomy
 - Justice
- Confidentiality
- Debriefing
- Deception
- Ethics Code (APA)
 - Beneficence
 - Responsibility
 - Integrity
 - Justice
 - Respect for the rights and dignity of others
- Exempt Research (Federal)
- Fraud
- Honest Experiments
- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
- Institutional Review Board (IRB)
- Plagiarism
- Responsibility
- Risk
- Risk-Benefit Analysis
- Role-Playing
- Simulation Study

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