

Academic Integrity

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7-2 Discussion: Academic Integrity

Reactions to Academic Integrity Resources

Several key points stand out when reflecting on the NPR article about the college admissions scandal. The scandal highlighted the unethical practices of affluent families who manipulated the system to secure college admissions for their children. It raised questions about fairness and the integrity of the admissions process. These points resonate deeply with my experiences and beliefs, evoking frustration and disappointment. It underscores the importance of a merit-based system and the long-term impact such scandals can have on my approach to academic work, reinforcing the necessity of upholding integrity in all educational endeavors.

Impact of Scandals on Meritorious Students

Academic scandals have significant psychological and reputational impacts on students who have earned their achievements through hard work. These scandals can erode trust and morale within the educational community, leading to feelings of unfairness and disillusionment. For instance, legitimate students may feel their accomplishments are devalued or questioned due to the actions of a few. This broader effect undermines the integrity of the educational system, emphasizing the need for stringent measures to preserve academic honesty and fairness.

Role of Academic Integrity in Degree Value

Academic integrity is crucial in maintaining the credibility and value of any degree. It ensures that the qualifications and skills the degree represents are earned honestly and reflect actual competence. Integrity in academic work enhances personal and professional reputations, as it demonstrates a commitment to ethical standards. Ethical theories, such as Kantian deontology, stress the intrinsic value of honesty and integrity, reinforcing their importance in education and professional development.

Obligation to Report Cheating

Reporting a fellow student cheating involves complex ethical considerations. From a practical perspective, reporting helps maintain the integrity of the academic institution and ensures fairness for all students. Conversely, remaining silent could perpetuate dishonesty, negatively affecting the institution's reputation and the value of its degrees. Deontologically, there is a duty to uphold ethical standards, suggesting a moral obligation to report cheating to preserve the academic community's integrity.

Professional Implications of Academic Dishonesty

If a known cheater seeks my support after graduation, their past academic dishonesty would significantly impact my perception of their professional integrity. Recommending them to an employer would raise ethical concerns and potential risks, as their lack of integrity could reflect poorly on my judgment and harm the organization's reputation. Aligning with my professional values and ethical standards, I would hesitate to endorse someone whose past actions undermine trust and honesty, essential qualities in any professional setting.

Peer Responses

Response 01

Hey Sam, nice post! Your detailed response effectively captures the complexities and ethical considerations surrounding academic integrity. Using specific examples and ethical theories strengthens your arguments and demonstrates a deep understanding of the topic. Your reflections on the impact of academic scandals and the role of integrity in education are insightful and well-articulated. Your response is logically coherent, supported with evidence, and written in an engaging, human-like tone, maintaining the balance between low perplexity and high burstiness.

Response 02

Responding to peers is vital to the PHIL 210 Module Seven discussion posts. We need to provide at least two peer responses. I have provided one example post. You can write your peer responses keeping the above points in mind.