

The authors are to be commended for addressing a difficult topic. The authors prepared an excellent introduction for this article and effectively laid the groundwork for this study. I would like to encourage the researchers to look outside of the profession when addressing topics of this magnitude that cut across many organizations. What do researchers in other youth organizations say about this topic? What about sociologists and psychologists? I am certain that there is great insight to be gained by exploring how others are addressing this issue.

The purpose and objectives were clearly stated. The research methods used to complete the study were appropriate. I would however question the development of the instrument. Why did the researchers choose not use sources to generate questions outside of a group of students? This study would have been much stronger had the instrumentation been developed from a strong conceptual source.

What does the relationship between years in FFA, membership, and activities and individual questions really tell you? You have a number of questions that may be useful in developing the construct for cheating in livestock competition. Why do you not look at that construct and the relationships with your independent variables?

Your conclusions and implications start with a discussion of FFA membership and CDE involvement. Although I like your discussion, how is this discussion related to your objectives?

The awareness of cheating certainly seems to be uncomfortably high. I wonder how often cheating really occurs. That would make a great study for the authors to follow-up on!

How would you begin to lead the change in ethical cognition as it relates to youth competition in FFA?