## Fake News

The following headline was written in response to the data below. Examine the given table, and explain why the headline is misleading.

## "Video Games Cause High Blood Pressure"

| age | time gaming (hours/week) | time working (hours/week) | time knitting (hours/week) | blood<br>pressure |
|-----|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 18  | 20                       | 20                        | 0                          | high              |
| 65  | 5                        | 0                         | 12                         | normal            |
| 23  | 0                        | 40                        | 20                         | low               |
| 29  | 3                        | 40                        | 0                          | normal            |
| 49  | 30                       | 50                        | 0                          | high              |
| 55  | 50                       | 40                        | 0                          | high              |

This dataset is very small, and only includes data on individuals' gaming, working, and knitting habits. There is not enough information to conclude that playing video games

is the <u>cause</u> of high blood pressure, or even a leading factor. The majority of people in this study with high blood pressure <u>also</u> have the highest workload, so this same data could also

be interpreted to say that working causes high blood pressure, which would also be a misleading conclusion.