

Technical Writing Memo

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The purpose of this memo is to compare the Textbook chapter 2 on Ethics and the Steiner article on Common habits of Engineers

Summary

The text chapter on Ethics speaks of some things that can be found in the Steiner article. One of which is care. Care is explained as consideration and responsibility. Steiner expresses care toward the study by consideration of the categories and how the research will be carried out. The article speaks of how best to approach the participants and what questions to ask, considering guidelines as to how to keep the research straight and how the end results can best be written. This consideration also shows care to the people who will benefit from the findings of this research.

There is competence and diligence shown by the forethought of the study before the participants were brought in. The competence was used by way of a hypothesis about what the end result would be. The hypothesis then assisted the team in what guidelines to put in place, what questions to ask, how to ask the participants these questions, and when to ask. For example, the team settled on one on one interviews as opposed to group sessions to remove the possibility of participants giving similar answers simply because they were exposed to those answers. Diligence was used by interviewing all the participants, compiling the data, and presenting the data thoroughly.

Confidentiality was also used. The research team presented the information about the participants without sharing who they actually were. They presented the data of the sex, profession, and years of experience. They then changed the names of the participants so that they could speak to each participant's experience.

Recommendation

Steiner's research and article took consideration of the different types of Ethics found in Chapter 2 of the text. His team showed considerable knowledge of the study, protected the identities of all participants, and presented the findings in a clear and thorough manner. These findings would be useful in the future to Engineers and those seeking a degree in Engineering.