Week 8 Reading Questions

October 9, 2024

1 The LaCour Scandal

- Why did LaCour fabricate data? What role did institutional and structural factors play?

- How effective would proposed interventions to improve research integrity have been in preventing this scandal?

- Does the uncovering of the scandal prove that current research integrity initiatives are effective?

- What else could be done to prevent similar scandals in the future?

2 Blume

- How did Blume gain access to her field sites? Was she overt or covert?

- How robust are her findings? To what extent can her findings be generalised?

- How well does she account for her positionality?

- How could the study have been improved? What other methods could have been used?