Collaborative Learning Discussion 2

This case study discusses the ethics of computer professionals and the problem of making the right decision.

Abi, a statistical programmer was asked to perform an analysis of a new edible product for its nutritional value. Unfortunately, the analysis appeared to refute the claim that the product was nutritional.

Therefore, Abi had the option to either present the data refuting the claim or change the data values to support both conclusions.

According to the ACM Code of Ethics, computer professionals should always act in an ethical way (ACM, n.d). According to paragraph 1.3 of the ACM Code, computer professionals should be honest and trustworthy, without concealing any information or conclusions. Additionally, professionals should act with regard to public wellbeing and provide services and products aimed at improving the lives of consumers.

To sum up, If I were Abi, I would have presented both negative and positive findings to the company. While it is true that the company may only present positive outcomes to the public, I will not be responsible for the way my outcomes are used.

References:

ACM (n.d) ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Available from: https://www.acm.org/code-of-ethics [Accessed 25 September 2021].