

Re: JSH: Why do people lie?

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On Oct 24, 11:11 pm, JSH <jst...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

People lie to gain an advantage when they want something badly enough, lack the morals not to lie, and think they can gain an advantage by lying.

That's not true! 8-)

George W. Bush is an interesting case as let's say for the sake of argument that he lied about "weapons of mass destruction" being in Iraq.

Why would he?

Pull that thread and you see how easy it is to kill thousands of people with dumb lies.

A point of clarification: Do you mean the people who were killed have dumb ideas, or that dumb ideas were used to kill people?

I pulled he thread and my analysis is that he is not a great student of history, felt as the oldest he could fix things as he felt that his father was disadvantaged by his decisions about Iraq and taxes, and he naively decided to reverse his father's decisions.

So he invaded Iraq and cut taxes.

Easy.

Why would mathematicians lie about math?

Easy.

It's all about the Easy button like in that commercial.

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They do it for their advantage. And they can clearly get away with it, to a point.

As Larry Lard said, "Reality disagrees with you. Maybe reality is in on the conspiracy?"

Now ask yourselves, if there is wholesale lying by the mathematical community about math, how would you know it?

So why wouldn't they?

I call the situation a Catch-22, like how if Bush were a great leader he wouldn't have to lie like I think he does, but not being a great leader there is no way in hell he'll ever admit to doing what he does.

And how is that a Catch-22? According to Wikipedia: 'Resulting from its specific use in the book, the phrase "Catch-22" is common idiomatic usage meaning "a no-win situation" or "a double bind" of any type. Within the book, "Catch-22" is a military rule, the self-contradictory circular logic of which, for example, prevents anyone from avoiding combat missions. In Heller's own words:

There was only one catch and that was Catch-22, which specified that a concern for one's safety in the face of dangers that were real and immediate was the process of a rational mind. Orr was crazy and could be grounded. All he had to do was ask; and as soon as he did, he would no longer be crazy and would have to fly more missions. Orr would be crazy to fly more missions and sane if he didn't, but if he was sane he had to fly them. If he flew them he was crazy and didn't have to; but if he didn't want to he was sane and had to.'

So a Catch-22 for Bush would be: Assume he's a bad leader. He lies. Then how does this force the opinion that he's a good leader? If he is a good leader, he doesn't do anything, yet comes off as a bad leader. Again, the exact mechanism is missing.

--- Christopher Heckman

If these people were great mathematicians they would not need to lie about math, but not being great mathematicians there is no way in hell they will ever admit to doing what they are doing.

And what they do is waste your time.

Weak minds who cannot understand history, who cannot comprehend that there is a benefit to the entire human species in actually knowing correct mathematics.

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To them "pure math" is just a way to make money, and who cares, after all, there is all this science and technology out there anyway, which relies on the correct applied math, so who does it hurt?

But thousands of years ago, people had no clue what they could do with the mathematics that is used today in so many areas.

The "mathematicians" who cannot see why it matters that they tell the truth are wishing to condemn the children of humanity because they cannot see them. They cannot care for them. They only care for what they see today.

And if finally the human species will fail here then deservedly it will die as it no longer cares for those who are to come.

And if so I say good riddance.

James Harris