

Re: JSH: Why do people lie?

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On Thu, 25 Oct 2007 06:11:13 -0000, JSH <jstevh@xxxxxxxxxx> 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.

The first two points seem pretty clear in this case, but the third has always puzzled me – what advantage do you think you're going to gain by the lies you tell?

(Some of your comments about mathematics are probably honest errors, not lies. But your comments about how we're always lying are in fact blatant lies, given the huge number of times you've finally conceded that our "lies" about your work were actually truthful statements.)

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.

Oh. You didn't mean to be starting a thread about *_your_* lies? Sorry, I was misled by the Subject line. Never mind...

Why would he?

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

I pulled the 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.

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Easy.

Why would mathematicians lie about math?

Easy.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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