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Anahita wrote:

Indeed probably so...  
however in the industry it is also the lack of time

& hierarchy constraints (you cannot contradict your superior) that prevents (potentially not so untalented and even clever) people to take the time to formalize the problem they should tackle...or that pushes them to auto-censor themselves..

That's one of the many excuses that was used by one of the discussants in this group, who had argued and >argued and argued about his invalid use of the >correlation, and finally attempted to flame his own >errors on his superior.

Such instance may indeed happen, bad faith is everywhere..  
but occurrences of the contrary are also likely :-)... I have seen an equal number of the ones and the other...

It's NOT a valid excuse to malpractice statistics.

It is true I agree.. however as a devils advocate... some malpractice is really based on "ignorance" (which is bliss!)– and this ignorance is "good faith"...  
Yes then one should dig and search.. but not everyone has the mindset of a "researcher"...  
Some of this malpractice is a consequence of a lack of modesty as well...

But however I firmly believe that the hierarchy of powers in corporations or elsewhere really brings people to auto-censor themselves....or "fashion trends" or..

I'd be tempted to state that these are the conditions in which all human activity is set...

Moreover distinguishing good from bad in applied

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work is time consuming.. Since most management is lay-men in stats--i.e. the rationale if it looks like stats it smells like it.. then it is stats-- is seldom "invalidated"...

There have been Executive Programs in Business Schools throughout the country, in their MBA programs >in which ONLY high level managers and company CEOs are admitted. They are taught not only how to recognize what is good and what is bad, but >actually DO many of the analysis themselves.