

Abstract

A debate is emerging in economics concerning deception in social science experiments that may result in unacceptable constraints on research. If the economists prevail with journals, granting agencies, and universities, the impact on our capacity to conduct some kinds of research and on related important intellectual and scientific issues will be large and potentially very negative. Given space constraints we comment on only a few of the relevant issues posed by this aggressive debate (e.g. Hertwig and Ortmann 2001).