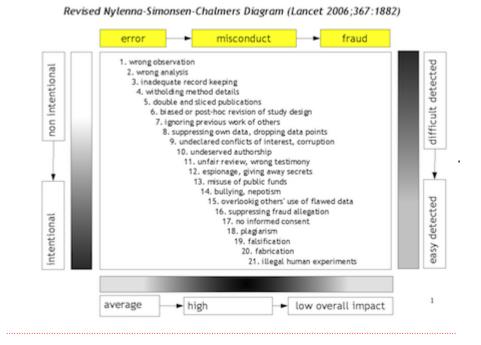
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NYLENNA-SIMONSEN-CHALMERS MISCONDUCT DIAGRAM

13.08.2006

The Lancet (10 June 2006, p 1882) had one of the best descriptions of scientific misconduct that I have ever seen (yes, I am also admiring Geoffrey Rose). The authors argue that our current view of misconduction is wrong those caught for fraud being a few "bad apples". Instead we are facing a continuum ranging from honest and inevitable errors to outright fraud. I agree up to here, however, I do not believe so much in a "slippery slope" – in my experience the intentional selection of certain entry and exit levels is more common.

Here is my expansion of the original N-S-C diagram:



Addendum 22 Nov 2020

The misconduct speedometer



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