

Assignment #3 - "Ethics"

Goal

Consider alternate research methodologies and explore the drawbacks and benefits of these methodologies.

1) Milgram was studying how far people would go...would people intentionally hurt others? *extreme to kill*

2) Benefits: researching to find how far "normal" people would go; is it a possibility to be as Hitler was (for instance)

Drawbacks: the psychological experience of the people who were doing the "shocking" *stress too*

3) I would incorporate somehow to have the same design, as Milgram's. However, I would not use the shock, as the bad thing that happens. This would probably cause a problem, considering there is not really a good way to incorporate the problem of intentionally hurt others. Maybe, if you go about it telling the person (who would be doing the shocking) to keep track of all the errors, that the other person is making. After you've gone through the whole list of words one time, you'd count up the errors and do that many shocks (at the end of the whole list). You'd start over with the list, going on like this...also having the other person acting like he/she still has heart problems.

4) I don't know that it is truly more ethically, considering there is still shocking going on, and the person being shocked still acts like they are hurt.

5) It still goes through the same process, that Milgram used to get his answers. However, I am not really sure it would work, as it would not follow suit with the reasoning of why you are shocking the person to begin with.