

# **BELIEF IN A JUST WORLD AND ACADEMIC DISHONESTY OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

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## ***ABSTRACT***

*Who cheats? Everyone? Academic dishonesty (AD) is a global plague, but it is not universal. Do student views of justice influence their likelihood of cheating? This study examines college students from a large regional university in the southwest of USA. We examined both student attitudes towards academic dishonesty and behaviors as well as student views towards justice using the scale from the Belief in a Just World. We found significant differences exist both in attitudes towards cheating, but also how those views interact with the Belief in a Just World. Results are discussed, limitations are mentioned, and a research agenda in Academic Dishonesty is outlined.*

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