

MATH 10043 Bonus Opportunity

Due by March 7th

4 Homework Check Bonus Points

NOTE: THIS WILL BE THE LARGEST BONUS OPPORTUNITY YOU WILL RECEIVE DURING THIS COURSE.

Find a good example (newspaper, magazine, television, Internet, etc.) of a misuse or abuse of statistics. Photocopy or THOROUGHLY describe the example. Write a PARAGRAPH explaining the following:

- (a)** in your opinion is your example a misuse of statistics, or is it an abuse?
- (b)** What makes your example a misuse or abuse of statistics?
- (c)** How would you go about fixing it?

Your paragraph MUST include a COMPLETE reference to the source of your example (just the way you would if you were writing a formal paper—see instructor or library reference desk for help with this). Attach your photocopy to your explanation.

****DO NOT use books or web-sites ABOUT abuse of statistics. Examples taken from these will be given ZERO points. I want YOU to find the example you turn in.**

Handwritten work is acceptable, but neatness and proper English will be considered in awarding points. No late bonuses will be accepted. If I receive several identical examples, they will ALL be returned with ZERO points. You must each find your own example.