Academic Honesty & Academic Bravery

• How do I convince my coursework students that they should be honest when the society outside is largely not?

• I try, largely unsuccessfully, through:
  • honour code
  • value of signature,
  • pinpricks of conscience
Academic Bravery

• Some may think that being brave means you have to be tall, big and muscular. Academic bravery means standing up to thoughts and ideas with proof.

• Academic bravery gives us the freedom to pursue knowledge and develop lines of argument — without fear of reprisal for controversial findings — without the premature disclosure of those ideas — Without bias of personal beliefs

• This allows us to pursue unpopular lines of thought that may pave the way to a better society and life-saving discoveries
Academic Bravery

• Why are so few people working on important problems?
• We need to develop a “warrior ethic,” where service to a noble cause is its own reward
• In Silicon Valley a failed entrepreneur still gets plenty of respect. In Academia, failed researchers sink.