



Ethical Theory and Honor in Competition and Sport

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The Center for ETHICS* at the University of Idaho offers study, intervention, outreach, consultation, and leadership in developing and advancing the theory, knowledge and understanding of character education including moral and ethical reasoning, moral development, ethical leadership, and ethical application. The Director of the Center for ETHICS* is Dr. Sharon Kay Stoll.

Radio Interview:

Dr. Stoll was interviewed by Tom Goldman of NPR News <http://www.npr.org/people/2100552/tom-goldman> on the four game suspension of Patriot Quarterback Tom Brady and the \$1M fine levied against the team by the NFL for a second offense of "cheating". . The context of the interview was about "why do we care so much" when athletes and teams cheat; and "how does moral development research inform us about cheating" especially when individuals are highly talented and don't need to cheat to win. Dr. Stoll discussed the Wells Report and the impact of the document and the meaningfulness of its content, as well as, addressing what we know of moral reasoning and moral development in athlete populations. (1) The longer an athlete is in competitive sport, the lower is his/her moral reasoning. (2) Male revenue producing, contact athletes score lower than athletes in individual sport, and lower than women in sport.

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