

Deception & Denial

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Does Denial Matter? Hanson Meta-Analysis

Little Correlation

Factor	r
Denial	.02

(Hanson & Bussiere, 1996)

Meta-Analysis Denial

1. Smith and Monastersky (1986)
112 Juveniles
FU = 23 mo. average
Denial = complete denial
2. Barbaree & Marshall (1988)
170 (43 deniers)
FU = 45.5 mo.
Denial = complete denial

Meta-Analysis Denial

3. Ryan & Miyoshi (1990)

N = 69 Juveniles

FU = 12 to 30 mo.

Denial = Accepting responsibility for assault

4. Schram, Milloy & Rowe (1991)

N = 197 juveniles

FU median time = 74 mo.

Denial = thinking errors (marginally significant)

Meta-Analysis Denial

5. Maletzky (1993)

N = 4381

FU = 23 mo. Average

Denial = complete denial

Tx failure = Not completing tx, etc.

Denial significant (admitters 6.5% failure;

deniers 19.2%)

Meta-Analysis Denial

6. Marques, Nelson, West & Day (1994)

N = 155

FU = 38 mo. Average

Deniers – excluded; no rates reported

Used measure of personal responsibility

Meta-Analysis Denial

7. Hanson (personal communication); Reddon,
Studer & Estrada, (unpublished raw data)
N = 92 offenders
Denial = staff rating of measure of
responsibility for deviant behavior
Only 1 of 92 reoffended

(Lund, 2000)

STEP Clusters

Cluster A High Deviancy

Cluster B High Denial

Cluster C Low Deviancy

High Denial Offenders Reclassified

Low Deviance 35

High Deviance 10

(Beech, 1998)

Impact of Treatment

Group	Over-all Tx Effect
Low Deviancy/ Low Denial	59%
Low Deviancy/ High Denial	17%

(Beech, 1999)

Over-all Treatment Effect

Changed to non-offending norms

Changes on both pro-offending attitudes and
social competence measures

(Beech, 1999)

Impact of Deception

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Assessment and Treatment

Psychopaths & Clinical Ratings

PCL 20+
"Good progress" by clinicians =
(Seto & Barbaree, 1999)

Psychopaths & Clinical Ratings

PCL 20+
5 times more recidivism
than "poor" or "no progress"
(Seto & Barbaree, 1999)

Insanity Acquittees

	Malingers	Non
PCL-R Total	35	19

(Gacono et al., 1995)

Insanity Acquittes

	Malingers	Non
Sexual With/ Married Staff	39%	0%

(Gacono et al., 1995)

Insanity Acquittes

	Malingers	Non
Murder/Attempted	39%	17%
Rape	28%	6%
Rape/Murder	11%	0%

(Gacono et al., 1995)

How to Measure Deception

Measuring Deception

Deceptive Behavior on Ward

Behavior in Group

Comparison of Disclosures w/ Records

P-graph and/or Abel Screen

Polygraph

How to Measure Progress

No Single Test Assessments

Psychometrics

Behavioral Ratings on Ward

Behavior in Group

Physiological Measures

Detecting Deception

Polygraph

Statement Analysis

Body Language