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A concept from the training that surprised me is the degree to which ethics and the general code of conduct were reached. It is interesting to hear that foreign nations have similar or stricter research parameters. Finding that Russia, Islamic nations, and others had similar or vastly different areas of research interest shocked me. Listening to breaches of confidentiality and suspect researchers, findings, and funding was intriguing to listen to. The NIH organization reported there were 203 (September 2020) scientists who raised concerns, and the NSF recovered more than \$5 million through obtaining awarded funding and undisclosed false statements (2018). Also, hearing certain incidents that aren't related to a specific nationality, background, or ethnicity sparked my curiosity. I expected most organizations to classify incidents meticulously in a manner that highlighted where incidents occurred most. I don't mean that I expected them to be racially insensitive, simply to gauge where issues arise most. However, for these exact reasons, I fully understand why such data isn't tracked; it can harm, anger, and unjustly single out specific people. I believe this data wouldn't reflect well on nations and their researchers. It would put an image of elitism or classism in the minds of institutions, leaders, and adult/student researchers alike. Lastly, when I heard that the federal government is

essentially tied to such research, it sobered me in a way. I knew that the findings, questions, data, and activities CODES students pursue have a weighted impact and consequences, but not to that high a level.