

# Plagiarism:

## Academic Dishonesty in the Age of Google

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# What is plagiarism?

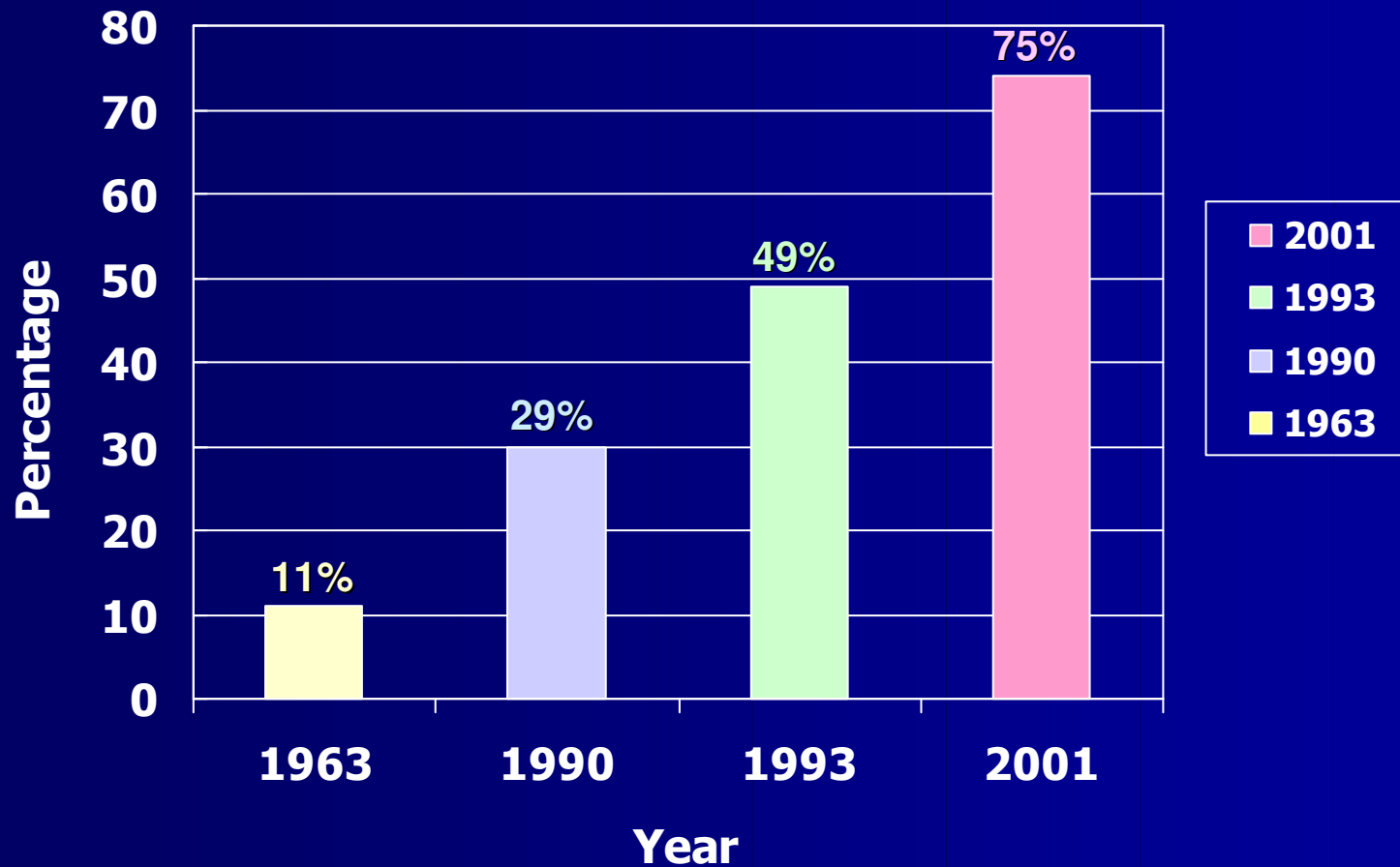
- The word “plagiarism” is derived from the Latin word “plagiarius” meaning kidnapper
- According to the Encyclopedia Americana, plagiarism is “the reproduction, in whole or essential part, of a literary, artistic, or musical work by one who falsely claims to be its creator.”

# **Why is plagiarism a serious crisis in today's higher education?**

**According to a study from the Center for Academic Integrity:**

- **80% of college students admit to cheating at least once**
- **36% of undergraduates have admitted to plagiarizing written material**
- **90% of students believe that cheaters are either never caught or have never been appropriately disciplined**

**Statistics from the Center for Academic Integrity show a growing trend of plagiarism by college students:**



# Why do students plagiarize?

- ❑ **Lack of basic knowledge of plagiarism**
- ❑ **Misconception of copyright and fair use**
- ❑ **Poor research and writing skills**
- ❑ **Pressure from family and peer competition**
- ❑ **Unable to cite sources properly**
- ❑ **Incapable of managing time**
- ❑ **Cultural differences towards plagiarism**

# What constitutes plagiarism?

- **Copying and pasting text from any online sources without using quotation marks**
- **Presenting someone's ideas, thinking or arguments without acknowledgement**
- **Manipulating or paraphrasing another's words, materials or facts without indicating the sources**
- **Submitting another student's work as your own even with the permission of the student**

## **What constitutes plagiarism? (Continued)**

- **Purchasing a paper from any paper mill and turning it in as your original work**
- **Translating an article from one language to another without attribution**
- **Turning in your own paper for one class to another course without the permission of the instructor is called self-plagiarism**

# What is not considered plagiarism?

- **Common knowledge that is readily available from a number of sources such as encyclopedias, almanacs, etc.**
- **Factual information that is well-known to the public or to a group of people in a specific field**

# **What is not considered plagiarism?**

## **(Continued)**

- **Some publications produced by federal and state governments**
- **Information in the public domain**

# What can we do to prevent plagiarism?

- **Administrative strategies:**

- **Develop academic integrity policies and implement honor codes, including penalties for plagiarism**

  - Universities with honor codes**

- **Build an university-wide climate that values academic honesty and fights against plagiarism**

  - Plagiarism and Academic Integrity at Rutgers University**

# What can we do to prevent plagiarism?

- **Administrative strategies: (continued)**

- **Encourage faculty to change their course design to emphasize writing**

  - Strategies to Reduce Plagiarism**

- **Develop a plagiarism education program and support services to help students master proper citation styles and develop research and writing skills**

  - College Writing Program**

# What can we do to prevent plagiarism?

## □ Faculty strategies:

- **Integrate plagiarism education into academic courses**  
English Class Handout      Political Science Class Handout
- **Tips for course and assignment design**  
Assignment Design Strategies
- **Provide students with guidelines and sources for proper citation styles:**  
University Kansas Writing Center      Online Citation Style

# What can we do to prevent plagiarism?

- **Faculty strategies: (continued)**

**Resources available at our library:**

- 1). Publication Manual of American Psychology Association. (5th) REF BF76.7 P83 2001**
- 2). MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. (6th) REF LB2369 G53 2003**
- 3). Madonna University Style Manual (7th) REF LB2369 .V5 2002**
- 4). Madonna University Copyright Policy Manual (3<sup>rd</sup>) Z551 .M32 2002**

# What can we do to prevent plagiarism?

## □ Faculty strategies: (continued)

### Sources available at our library:

- 5). **MLA Style manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing REF LB2369 .G444 1998**
- 6). **Electronic Styles: A Handbook for Citing Electronic Information. REF LB2369 .L5 1996**
- 7). **The Columbia Guide to Online Style REF LB 2369 .W44 1998**
- 8). **A Guide to MLA Documentation REF LB 2369 .T75 1999**

# What can we do to prevent plagiarism?

- **Faculty strategies: (continued)**

**Web sites that can help student cite sources properly:**

**American Psychological Association (APA Style)**

**Modern Language Association (MLA Style)**

**Chicago Manual of Style (Turabian Style)**

**Long Island University (Citation Style for Research Papers)**

# What can we do to prevent plagiarism?

## □ Faculty strategies: (continued)

- Get to know where students can download or buy their papers on the Internet:

*Web sites for free term papers:*

School Sucks

Other People's Papers

College Term Papers

My Term Papers

# What can we do to prevent plagiarism?

## □ Faculty strategies: (continued)

*Web sites that sell term papers:*

Term Paper Relief

Cheathouse.com

Research Papers Online A+

A1 Termpaper

Genius Papers

# What can we do to prevent plagiarism?

- **Faculty strategies: (continued)**

- Try out some free software or purchase fee-based plagiarism detecting services

*Free plagiarism detecting software:*

**WCopyfind**

**CopyCatch**

**Jplag**

# What can we do to prevent plagiarism?

- Faculty strategies: (continued)

*Fee-based services on the Internet:*

EVE2

Glatt

TurnItIn

# Workshop

## Plagiarism: Faculty Strategies for Prevention and Detection