

MY428 Week 3: Exercise

Read the comments below on cyclist Lance Armstrong interview with Oprah Winfrey.
Code the data using Thematic Analysis.

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/cycling/21065539>

<p>Leslie DBras 20TH JANUARY 2013 - 5:59</p> <p>In a better world, Lance Armstrong would have his bank balances reduced to zero, all assets derived from cycling confiscated, and he'd be given a job, away from cycling, earning \$50,000 a year.</p>
<p>Semper Vigilo 20TH JANUARY 2013 - 2:39</p> <p>Yes there are many drug cheats but Armstrong is a disgrace in the way he lied, cheated, bullied and sued. Now he's complaining his life ban is "unfair" but it will pale in comparison to all the potential legal troubles</p>
<p>journoy 19TH JANUARY 2013 - 22:07</p> <p>There is no doubt that athletes from many disciplines have enhanced their performance in ways which contravene rules. With prescription drugs, with products available over-the-counter, and with medically-approved (though subsequently competition-banned) treatments. Lance Armstrong is not the first - or the last. I suspect the general public is only aware of the tip of a very large iceberg here.</p>
<p>Kilted Aussie 19TH JANUARY 2013 - 17:48</p> <p>Good to see that cycling is honest with itself.</p>
<p>charlessy 19TH JANUARY 2013 - 13:40</p> <p>Judging by this interview, he is only sorry that he got caught cheating. Well it's too late to admit it now he has sued everyone. If I was sued by Armstrong for trying to uncover the truth I'd take him to court and claim the money back and get him done for defamation of character! he may be sorry but its too little too late!!</p>
<p>Mark Gillett 19TH JANUARY 2013 - 5:31</p> <p>He maybe a proven liar but so are 7 billion other humans. Its a natural fact that humans lie on a daily basis. A lie like Armstrong's makes him nor more likely or less likely to continue lying than anyone else.</p>
<p>Wooly 19TH JANUARY 2013 - 0:19</p> <p>As someone who lost his mother to cancer and have always defended Lance in conversations with fellow competitive cyclists, I'm deeply angry. To dope to win TdF and amass \$100m, I can understand if not condone.</p>

But to lie to other cancer sufferers and next of kin like myself, I can't forgive and there is no redemption for this. Today my Livestrong bracelet has gone in the bin.

V

18TH JANUARY 2013 - 22:44

Armstrong is a proven liar. We can't therefore assume that he told the truth in the interview. If he's sorry he'll pay back the money to the Sunday Times etc. As for Livestrong - his personal brand supporting vanity 'cancer awareness' project has syphoned good people's money away from real cancer research. The only Armstrongs I feel sorry for are his children knowing their dad is a cheating bully.

biker

18TH JANUARY 2013 - 22:37

I do understand (but dont condone) his "win at all costs" mentality after almost dying from cancer, that fight for survival and a second chance of life is strong and changes your outlook.

He thought it was just a " level playing field " then he must have known many other riders were doping. We should now forget about the Armstrong years but we need to know that this will never happen again.

John

18TH JANUARY 2013 - 20:54

I think we all have made terrible mistakes and His mistakes are still mistakes. he didn't admit it in the past but He does now. it does not matter what led him to admit. People should look beyond Lance Armstrong 'the cyclist' and see a Human being admitting his faults and past errors. After all we are not perfect. The man says he is sorry, people should forgive him. He knows the price he will pay.

Adamski

18TH JANUARY 2013 - 16:24

Fair play to him, he mugged everyone off and got away with it. He beat cancer and raised millions in doing so. Do strikers dive? Is that cheating? If anyone has played at a decent level you will know that everyone would do it. All the angry people on here are just angry because you got mugged off.

mickey

18TH JANUARY 2013 - 15:23

In high level sport, doping is a plague. I think drug-taking is stupid because the sportsman who take drug put his life at risk just to win a race or match and win more money. Armstrong is a liar and a cheat.

donald

18TH JANUARY 2013 - 15:22

i think Armstrong has been manipulated by his sponsorship to earn money, he's just a muppet and he isn't able to invent this lie, he certainly earnt a lot of money to do that because i think he is aware of the deception of his fan .

Alex2111

18TH JANUARY 2013 - 15:22 I think drug-taking in cycling has always made debate, it's an opportunity to review the spirit of competition and the issues of it. This man must pay for it because he has changed the credibility and the trust of sport. Too much money and taste for victory can force a man to reach what is impossible. It's called: corruption