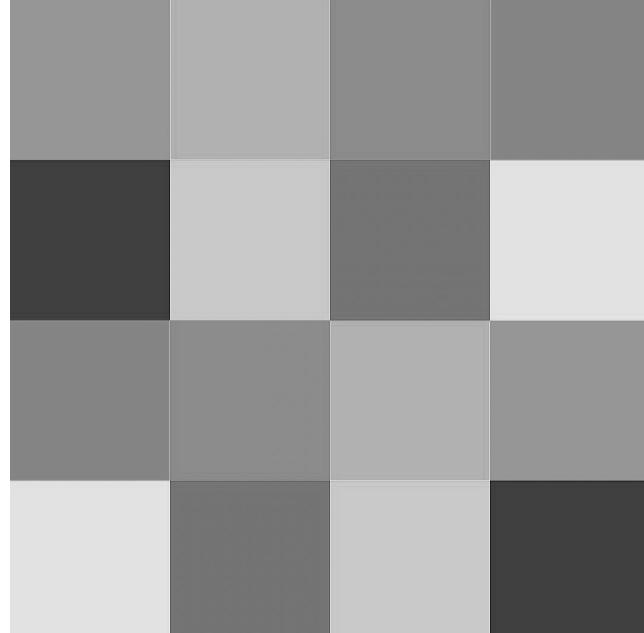


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- 2024 Fall Seminar Presentation
  - David Smith, IAABO Bd. 4, Colorado
  - Link to David's "Shades of Grey" presentation:
    - <https://iaabo-members.org/index.php/2024-fall-seminar-presentations/>
- Not ALL calls & plays are black & white



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- We all see things differently



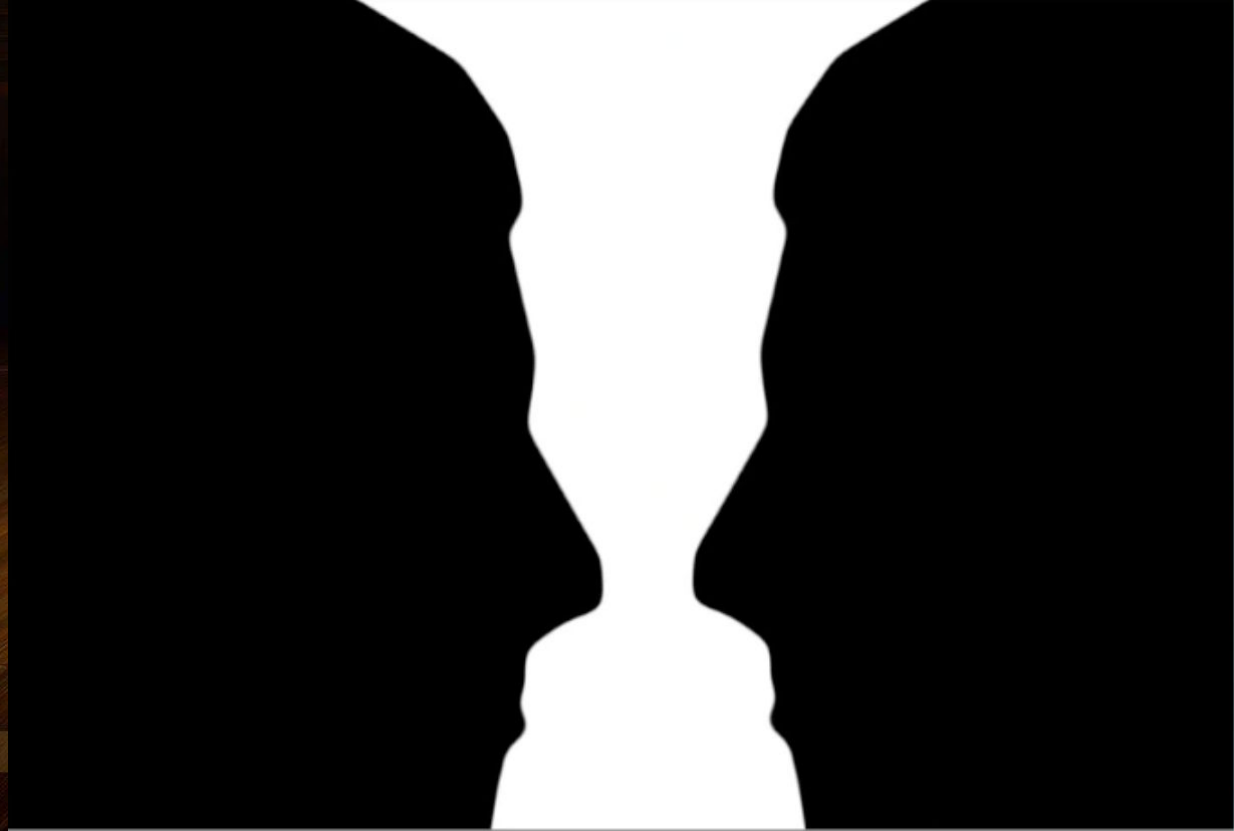


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- What did you see?
- The old lady or the side profile of a young lady?



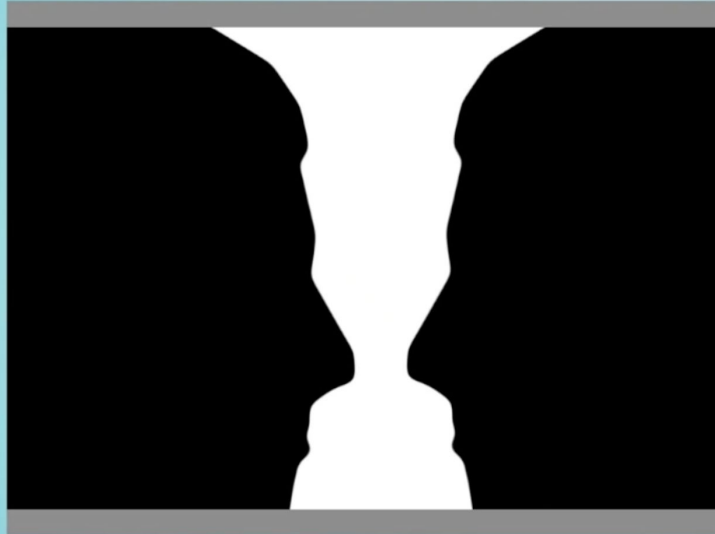
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**WHAT DO YOU SEE?**

A vase or two faces?



**SHADES OF GRAY**



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- We don't always see plays the same way, even when they're similar
- Have you ever called a similar play differently?
  - Same game
  - In a different game



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- How do we balance the grey area calls?
- Why are some calls “grey”?

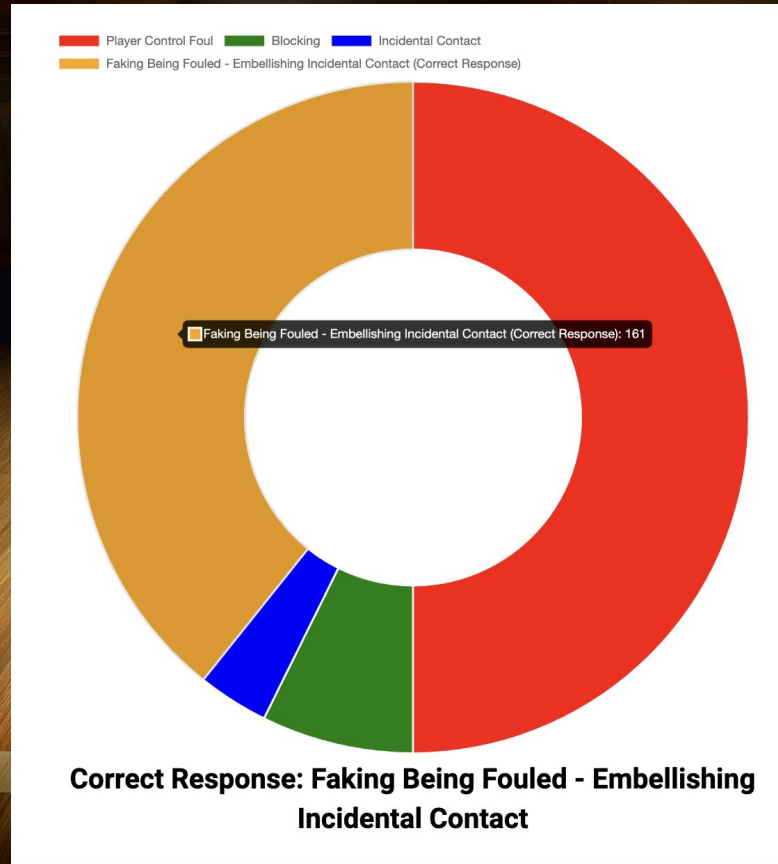




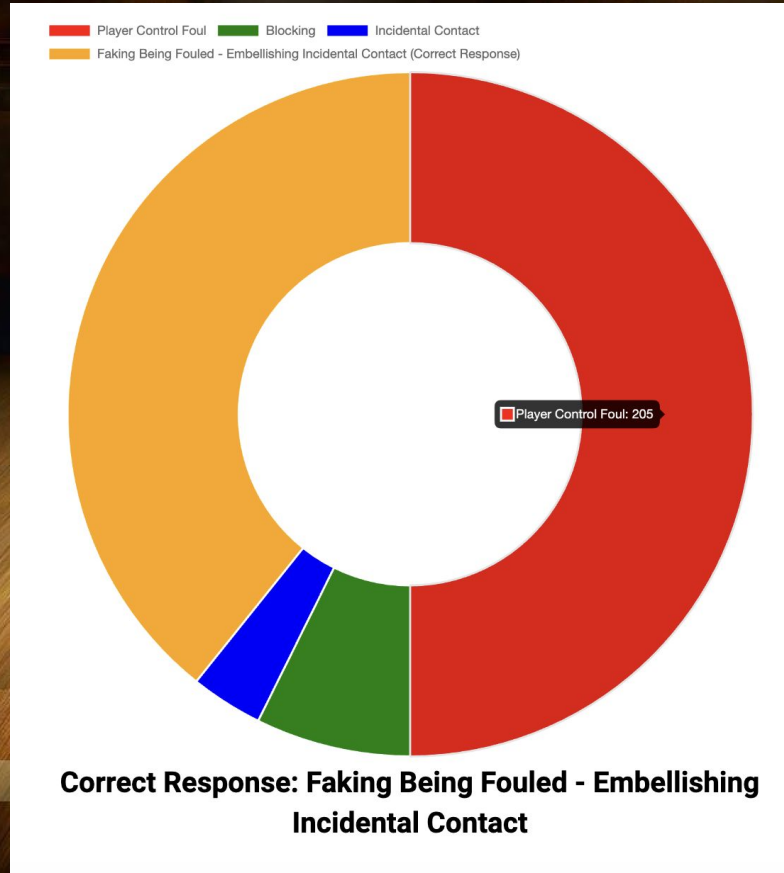
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- RefQuest - YMTC plays
- The options were:
  - PCF
  - Block
  - Incidental Contact
  - FBF - Embellishing Incidental Contact
- <https://plus.refquest.com/videos/vUiWbAnPyBplUDY2VYp9/0hRI8H0Yrvl6fX6eUmY0>

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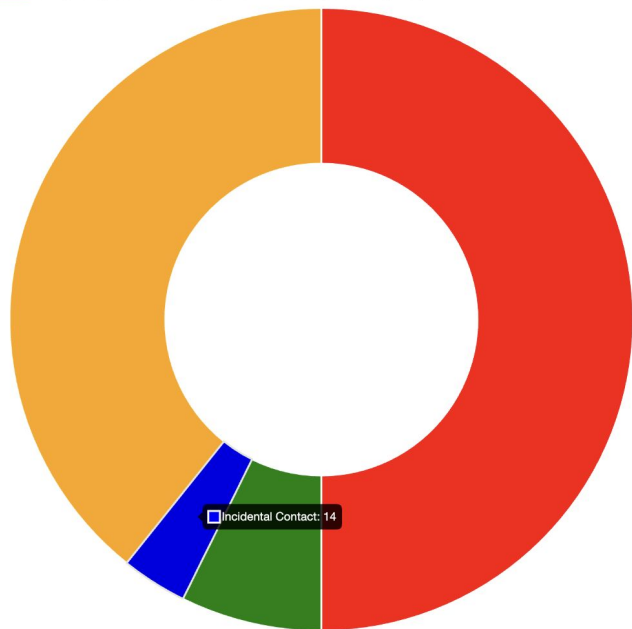
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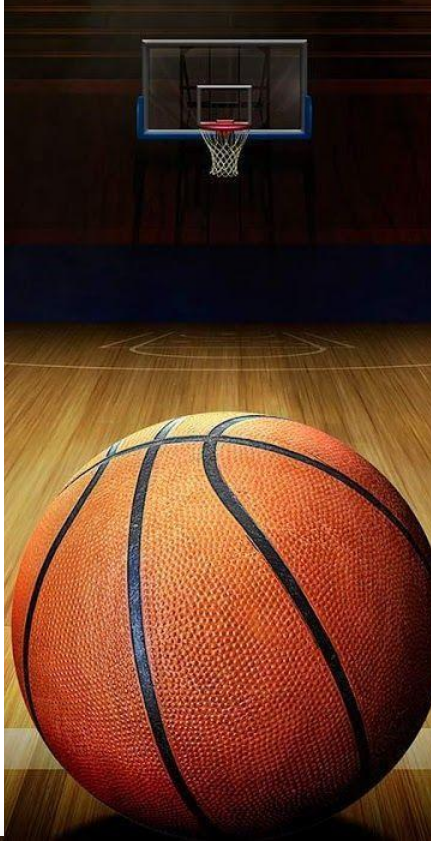


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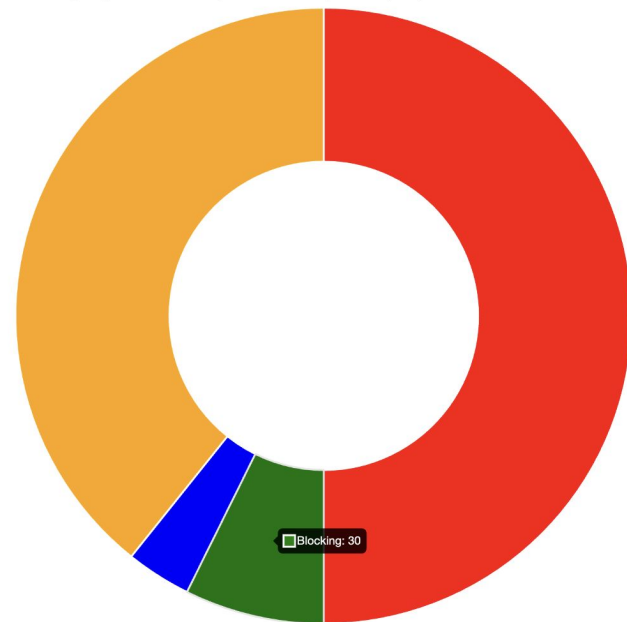
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**Correct Response: Faking Being Fouled - Embellishing Incidental Contact**



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- **RefQuest - YMTC play:**
  - **161 selected FBF (Correct Call)**
  - **205 PCF**
  - **30 Blocking Foul**
  - **14 Incidental Contact**



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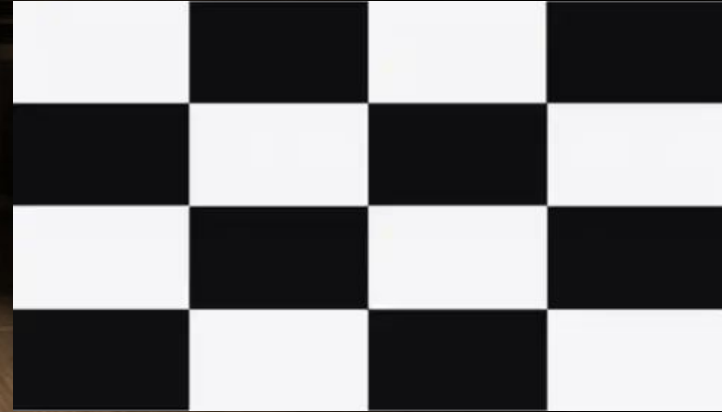
- **Some reasons that we see plays differently:**
  - **Not all plays are simple & definitive**
    - Different level of rules knowledge
    - Different level of experience
  - **Positioning**
    - **Correct or Incorrect**
      - Right official in the right position to make the right call
      - From where I was positioned, I didn't have a good look at the play
    - **Calling out of your PCA**
      - This decreases your call accuracy
  - **Personal Philosophies**
  - **Science vs. Art**





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- **Black & White Calls:**
  - Out of bounds
  - 5-seconds
  - 10-seconds
  - **Automatic Fouls:**
    - Arm bar
    - Two hands on dribbler
  - What are some others?



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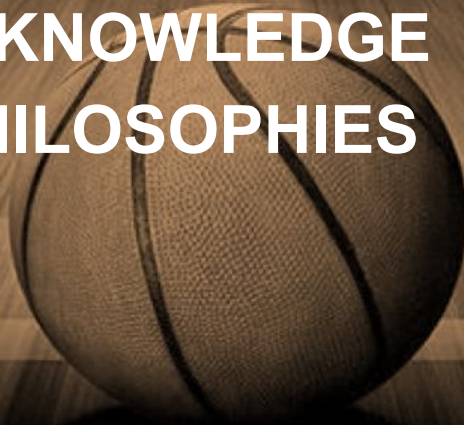
- **Grey Area Calls:**
  - **Traveling**
  - **Block/Charge/FBF**
  - **Incidental Contact**
  - **Illegal Screens**
  - **Game Interrupters**
  - **Lopsided game**
  - **Level of play**
  - **Previous call**



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## MAIN PRINCIPLES

- **NEVER** an excuse for seeing/calling plays differently:
  - **POOR POSITIONING**
  - **POOR RULES KNOWLEDGE**
  - **PERSONAL PHILOSOPHIES**





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## POOR POSITIONING:

- Move to improve
- Get to the right spot
- Work the arc
- Close down
- A - B - C from the Lead
- Mirror the ball
- Don't ball watch
- Double the sideline (3-person)
- NEVER be 94 feet apart
- Don't guess
- If you think it is, it isn't



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## POOR RULES KNOWLEDGE:

- Not knowing the rules is **NEVER** an excuse for a poor ruling:
  - For Example:
    - Held ball when the offense retains possession = of the shot clock
    - Double foul = no reset of the shot clock: POI
    - Unless there's no team control



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- **It may not be acceptable, but it's a fact:**
  - **Some officials know the rules better than others**
- **Incorrect rule application can result in the following:**
  - **Being inconsistent**
  - **You will have difficulty providing a rules based explanation to coaches &/or players**





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## PERSONAL PHILOSOPHIES:

- **NO PLACE IN OUR GAME!**
  - “I don’t call 3-seconds.”
  - “I call the hand checking early.”
  - “I have a quick whistle for held balls.”
  - “I don’t T up coaches.”
  - “I don’t like to rotate in 3-person.”
  - **MY FAVORITE:** “I’m not a rules guy.”