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# Summer Vacation

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## Description

A scenario meant to stimulate discussion about the ethical issues that arise in the advisor-advisee relationship; namely, when it is appropriate to express concerns or disappointment to one's advisor?

## Body

Your roommate, Leslie, has a research assistantship with Professor Open who has made it clear that all her RAs will have two weeks vacation over the summer. You and Leslie plan a camping trip and you tell your research supervisor, Professor Tight, of your plans. Professor Tight replies that you will do nothing of the sort. He says that just as he works all through the summer, so do all his RAs.

What, if anything, should you do?

## Notes

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