

Research on Student Learning

Some research has investigated student notions of laws. Findings indicate that elementary-school students mix legal and moral norms. [1] In addition, students at that age often have an authoritarian view of laws. They believe that laws are automatically right and "are handed down from on high". [2]

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