

Fostering Research Integrity In Africa

Challenges and Opportunities



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Introduction

Africa, the paradox



- Rich diversity
- Resource-rich continent
- Poorest-economically
- Highest disease burden
- Victim of social injustices and inequalities
- Unique and complex relations

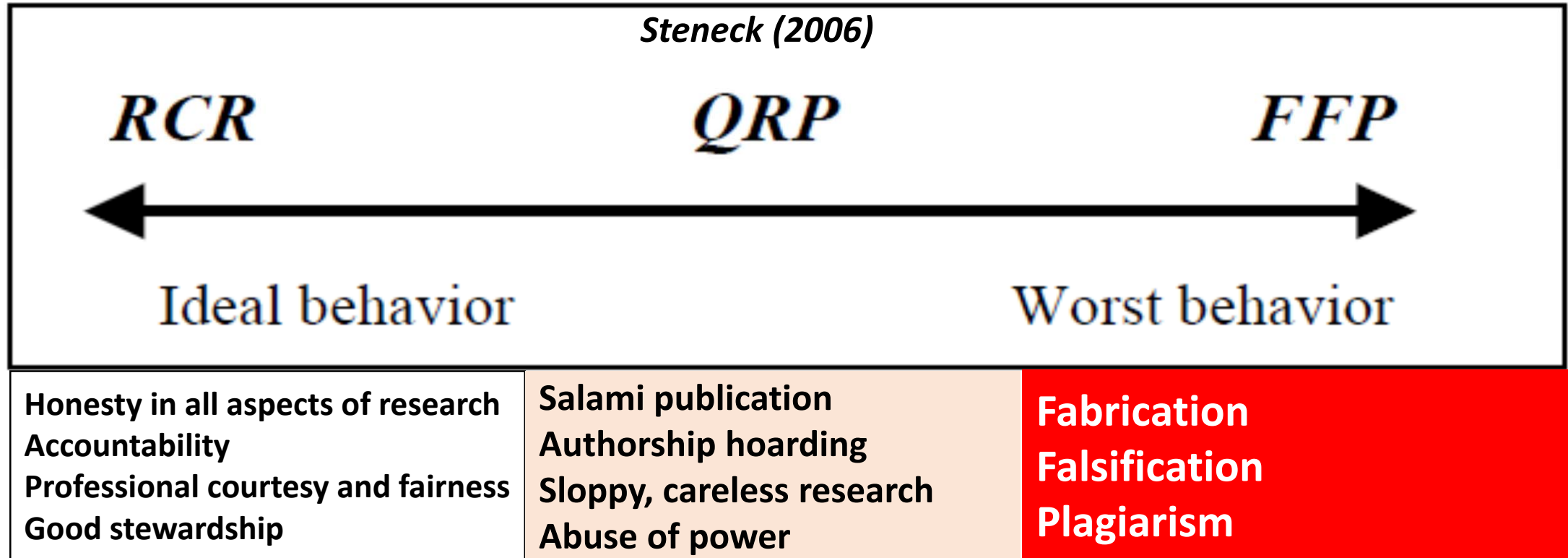
History and Politics of Ethics



- Increase in transnational research
- Donor driven research agenda
- Well developed research ethics environment in Africa.
- SA has the oldest and highest number of ethics review committee
- Has the lowest documented but not immune to human research abuses

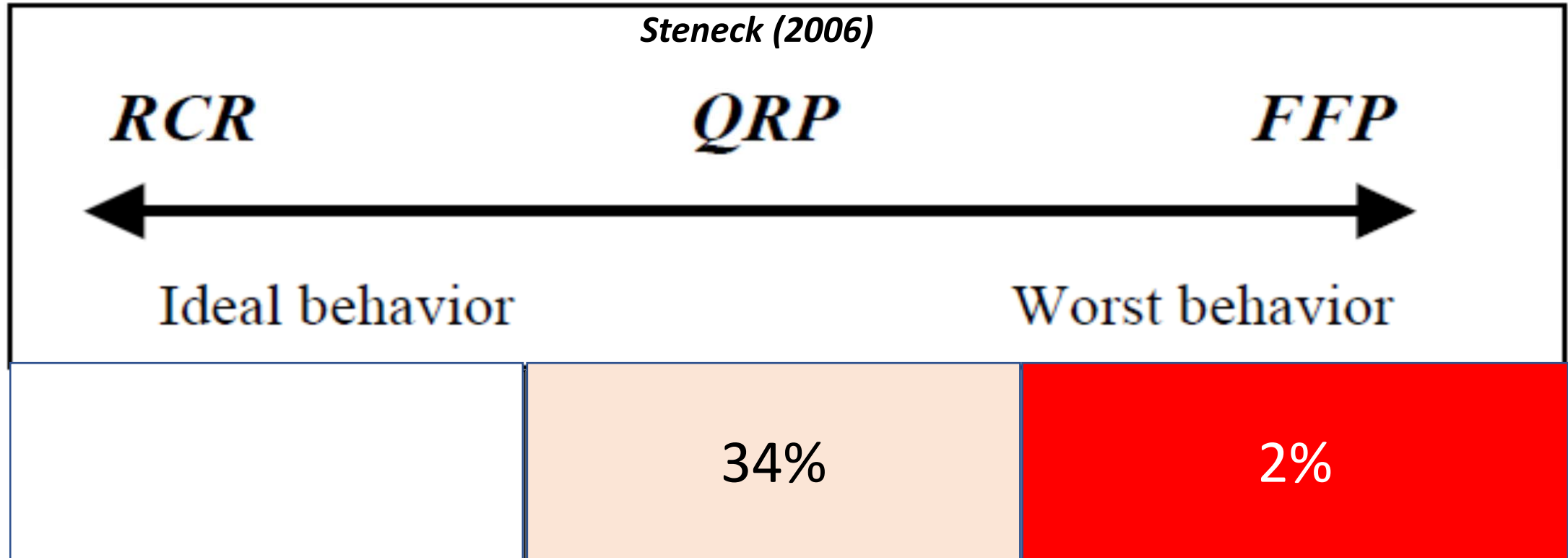
Contextualizing Research Integrity

Research Integrity as a spectral



Singapore statement in research Integrity
Montreal Statement on Research Integrity

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(Fanelli D. How Many Scientists Fabricate and Falsify Research-A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Survey Data. PLoS ONE 2009; 4(5): e5738)

Does it matter?

The unique African Context



- RI is often reduced to FFP
- FFP is important, but needs capacity and resources-**Reflection and contextualization**
- We need to prepare the environment-**Education and knowledge development**
- Conditions associated with some external funding may impede RCR
 - **Treat African researchers as experts and equal partners-Montreal statement**
- African stakeholder are less empowerment-**FAIR principles**

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step...





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