

A Flaw in Human Judgment

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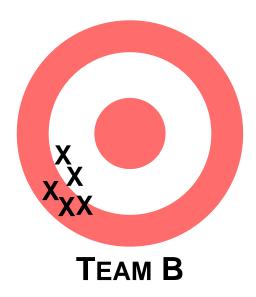
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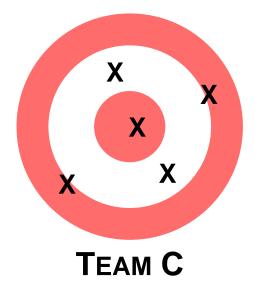
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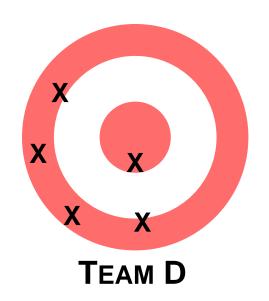


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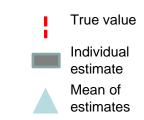


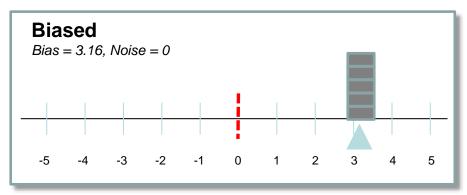


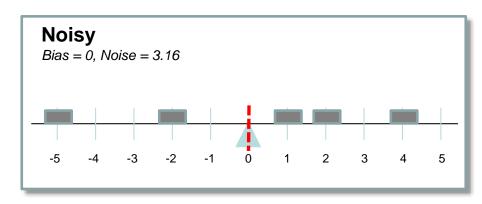




Global Error = Bias² + Noise²







Three Types of Noise

Level Noise -- Judges vary in overall severity

Pattern Noise -- Judges have personal responses to crimes and defendants

Occasion Noise -- The same case will evoke different reactions on different occasions