



Is Knowledge Power?

A Look into the Statistics of the Lucrative Contracts of Professional Athletes

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A World View of Mathematics and Data Analysis

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Abstract

Sports are one of the very few things that can bring a nation together. Every year, billions of fans watch their favorite sporting teams as they compete against each other. Professional athletes have become iconic in a way, with their faces being more recognizable than some of the world's top politicians, doctors, and scientists. Like these renowned people, athletes receive a generous amount of money, to entertain their fans and master their profession. Unlike these doctors and scientists, the athletes that we watch on a daily basis usually have a meager education level, with an extremely small amount having to endure the many years of college that the doctors and scientists must endure. Therefore, the topic is heavily disputed whether or not grown men and women doing what many people would simply call "play" should be receiving as much, if not more, than the people who risk their own lives in order to keep the world a better place. The firefighters, police, and military men/women who protect us are only making a miniscule fraction of the money that the men/women who entertain us make. So is that saying that our society values entertainment more than protection? The object of this paper is to uncover the truth behind the men and women that are being paid millions of dollars to play a simple game. This paper intends to expose the flaws behind the pretty, athletic faces that you see on television and deliver the truth.