

Relations Between Academic Factors and Social/Illegal Risks

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Introduction

College students are faced with decisions about social/illegal activities such as underage drinking and obtaining a fake ID, which are both prevalent on campuses. Previous research indicates that fake ID ownership is related to intent to join a fraternity/sorority (Dejong et al., 2011).

Previous studies have not investigated the relationships between academic factors and these illegal behaviors. Our study attempts to bridge this gap in knowledge. **We hypothesized that students with higher academic achievements would be less likely to own a fake ID.**

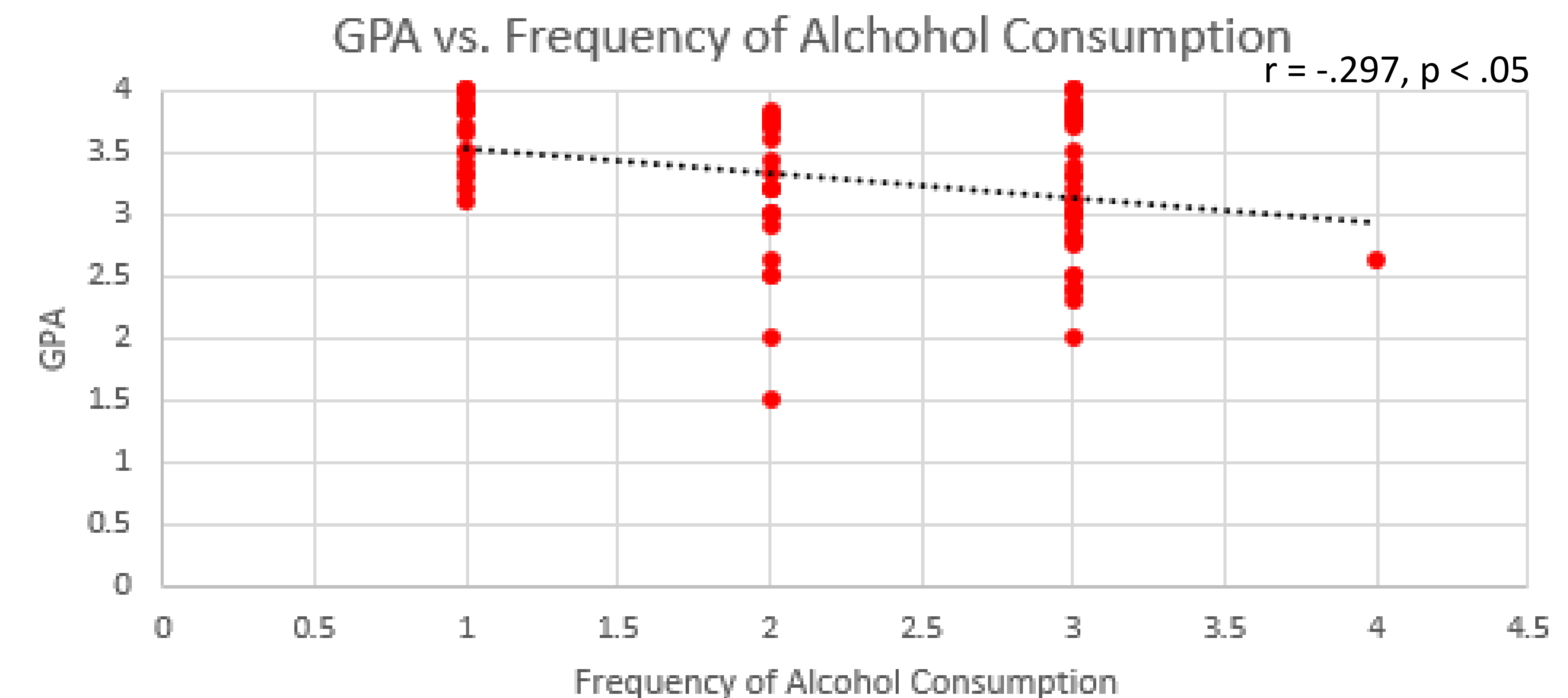
Methods

- Surveys were administered to 76 students (23 males, 53 females) ranging in age from 18 to 20
- Surveys included questions about:
 - Demographics
 - **Fake ID ownership**
 - **Alcohol consumption**
 - Disciplinary records
 - **Academic performance**

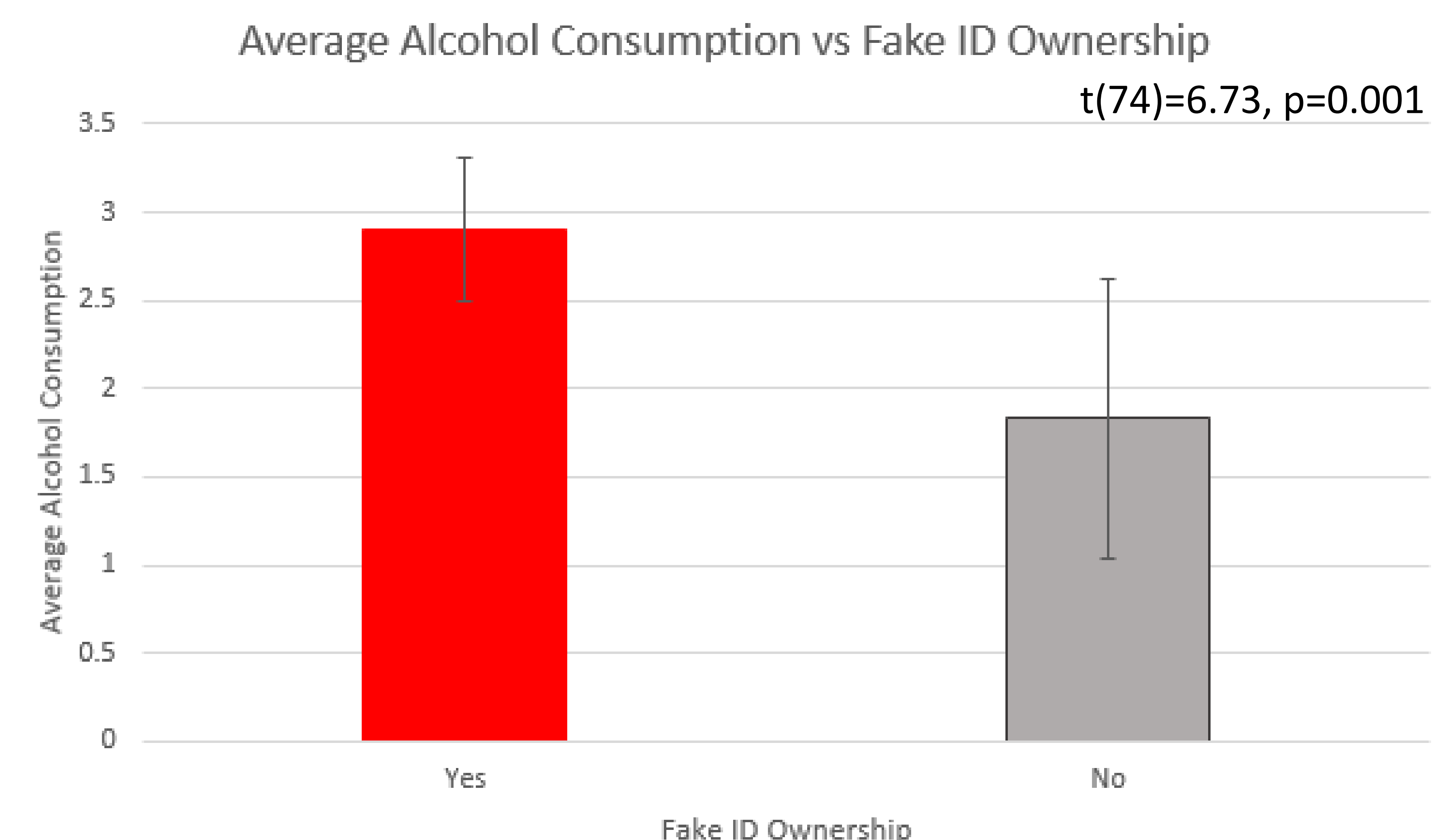
Discussion

- While academic factors cannot accurately identify those with fake IDs, they can be significant indicators of illegal behaviors
- Our data did not support the original hypothesis; there was no significant correlation that directly related fake ID ownership and GPA
- This study could easily be extended by analyzing larger samples on a national level
- Due to the subject matter, some students may have been hesitant to answer all questions truthfully
 - Perhaps questions could be restructured to obtain more truthful responses
- We still need data to explain the missing link between GPA and Fake IDs

Results



We found a significant negative correlation between alcohol consumption and GPA.



Students who owned fake IDs indicated higher levels of alcohol consumption

- GPA was not a significant identifier of those who owned fake IDs