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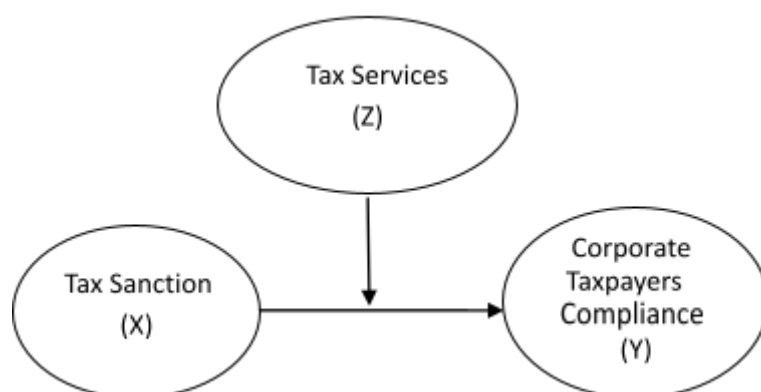


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Authority Cheating	SEL 1	SEL 2
No Authority Cheating	SEL 3	SEL 4

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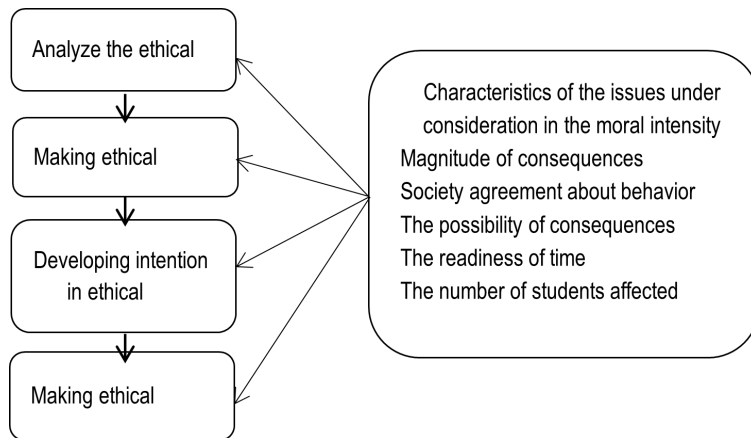


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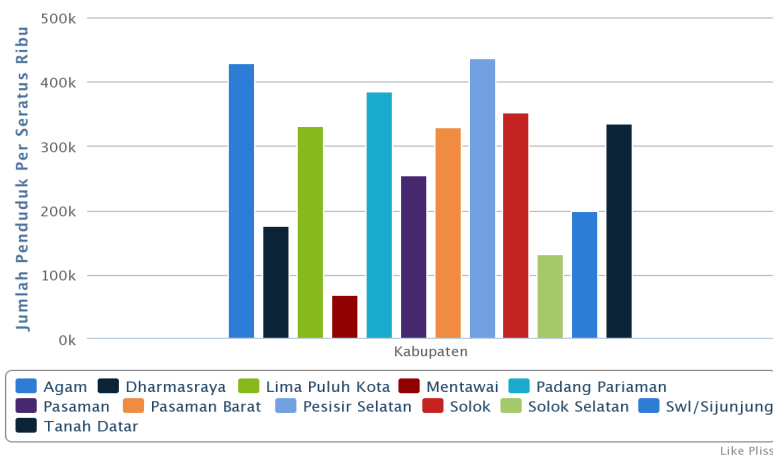


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