Psych Banned Words and Phrases

aka the Censorship List

If you use any of the words and phrases below there will be dire consequences

- “more or less” (‘cuz what else is there?)
- assume, assumption, infer (mortal sin)
- always, never, everyone, no one, all, none,

anyone, etc. (in other words absolutely no absolutes)
- prove or disprove (just stop)
- accept/reject the hypothesis (only refer to null)
- I believe, I think, In my opinion (just say it!)

- anything other than past tense when talking

about studies (It’s not English class)
- basically all adverbs (see what I did there)
- obvious or obviously (get their own special bullet)
- pronouns (I don’t know what you mean when you say

stuff like, “This means that he was studying if it would

impact them somehow”)
- skewed, skewed results (no they are what they are)
- better results (how do you know they’d be “better”?)

* question words in statements (this shows how it...)
* “Based on this…” etc. (corollary to pronoun and question word problems)
* Random (unless it is in fact random…it’s probably not)