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The Office of the State Controller - Audit, Risk, and Compliance Services presents an internal controls webinar:

Skills and Tools for Addressing Ethical Dilemmas in the Workplace

- The Webinar will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 and will begin promptly at 10:00 am.
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Objectives:

- Define ethics
- Explain the four ethical paradigms
- Apply the ethical fitness model to a real-world scenario
- Provide examples of challenges to ethical thinking in organizations

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 – 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Speaker: Dr. Eileen Taylor

Who Will Benefit:

Personnel from State Agencies, Universities, and Community Colleges

CPE Logistics

Instructor: Dr. Eileen Taylor – NCSU Poole College of Management

CPE Credit Offered: One (1) hour **Field of Study:** Behavioral Ethics **Materials:** Provided on website

Instructional Delivery Method: Group internet based

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Advance Preparation: None

Level: Basic

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Understanding ethics

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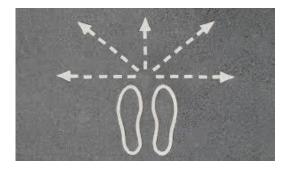






Agenda

- Ethics defined
- Ethical Paradigms/Principles
- Ethical Fitness Model
- Challenges to Ethical Thinking
- Resources



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Ethics Defined

Critical components:

- Between people and other people and living creatures
- Minimize harm, maximize good

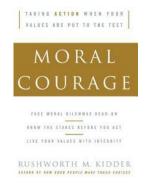
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Ethics Defined



Common Global Values

Justice	Loyalty	
Honesty	Compassion	
Respect	Altruism	
Freedom	Fairness	

The only difference is in ranking of importance





Ethical examples

- Going beyond what is obligatory to improve the lives of others generous, charitable
- Relating to people in ethically appropriate ways polite, courteous
- Relating to people in commendable ways friendly, kind
- Acting out of concern to behave ethically honorable, scrupulous
- Dealing with people objectively impartial, equitable, fair
- Being forthright and honest truthful, trustworthy
- Being willing to forgive to alleviate suffering absolve, merciful
- Acting out of concern for the feelings of others sympathetic, considerate

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Ethical Paradigms

Moral Choices versus Ethical Dilemmas

Value	Value	Right versus wrong	Right versus right	Ethical Dilemma		
Honesty	Dishonesty	Х		No		
Fairness	Unfairness	Χ		No		
Four Dilemma Paradigms: when two values collide in one of the following ways:						
Truth	Loyalty		X	Yes		
Individual	Community		Х	Yes		
Short term	Long term		Χ	Yes		
Justice	Mercy		X	Yes		

Help us get to the of the matter
Common patterns in business, policy, strategy decisions





Ethical (Resolution)Principles

- Ends teleological consequentialism, utilitarianism greatest good for greatest number in the end
- Rules deontological duty, obligation (justice)
- Care Golden rule, compassion (mercy)



https://ethicaldecisions.net/how-to-analyze-an-ethical-dilemma/

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Ethical Fitness Model

Nine step process for developing a reasoned course of action

- 1. Who are the actor(s)?
- 2. What are the facts?
- 3. Is this a moral issue (right versus wrong) or an ethical dilemma?
- 4. If right versus right, assign one or more of the four dilemma paradigms
- 5. Apply resolution principles (ends, rules, care)
- 6. Identify alternative courses of action
- 7. Does a trilemma or third option exist?
- 8. Make the decision
- 9. Reflect on the decision





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Case source: http://faculty.polytechnic.org/gfeldmeth/27.dilemmas

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Loyal employee/Budget cuts

- Actors:
 - Maude
 - Bill, College Trustees
 - Maude's Colleagues
- Facts
 - Maude is loyal, somewhat productive, close to retirement
 - · Her job could be eliminated and replaced with technology
 - The college has budget pressures
- Moral issue right versus wrong?



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Loyal employee/Budget cuts

Ethical dilemma paradigms (right versus right)

- · Individual versus Community
 - Maude's needs versus college's budget needs
- Short-term versus Long-term
 - Can Bill keep her for 6 more years? What if it was 2 years? Or 10 years?
- Justice versus Mercy
 - Are there HR policies that require performance evaluations, with required courses of action? Is there room to make exceptions?
- Truth versus Loyalty
 - Is there an expectation that loyal employees are given the benefit of the doubt?







Loyal employee/Budget cuts

Resolution principles

- Ends (most good for most people)
 - Maude is one person, the college serves many people, including its own employees
 - Will firing Maude damage morale? Or free up budgets to give others deserved raises?
- Rules (Justice)
 - Is Bill treating Maude as he would treat all his employees?
 - Is he following the written guidance/organizational norms?
- Care (Mercy)
 - Is Maude's loyalty valuable to the organization?
 - Will losing her job cause her irreparable harm?





Possible courses of action





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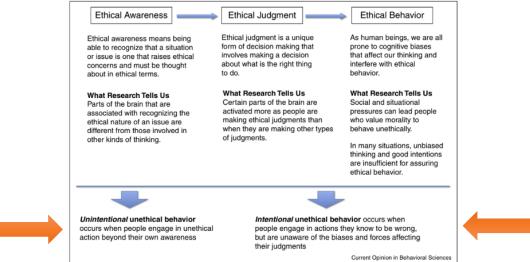
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Challenges to Ethical Thinking



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Challenges: Moral Myopia

- Unintentional unethical behavior can't even see the ethical issue.
- Intentional unethical behavior use rationalization to minimize true nature
 - Individual cheating on expense report
 - Organizational enforcing laws that harm innocent people
 - Societal reinforcing stereotypes (wife is the boss)
 - 1 Legality is not a sufficient test
 - 2 Trusted advisors OUTSIDE of the organization





Ethical

Judgment

Challenges: Obedience to Authority

Special form of Rationalization – act to please others

- Becomes more intense over time
- Power dynamics
- Extreme unintentional unethical behavior (unaware)
 - · Fails to meet ethical integrity, fairmindedness
 - 1. Be on the lookout for ethical issues
 - 2. Have a questioning mind
 - 3. Develop ethical integrity, fairmindedness, courage

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Challenges: Ethical Fading

Unintentional unethical behavior

- We react emotionally, before thinking through reasonably.
- Use rationalizations to explain reason for past behavior
- Morally disengage when it serves our needs (clothing made by child labor)
 - 1. Be vigilant look out for ethical issues
 - 2. Develop ethical traits courage, integrity, perseverance





Recap

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Question: What happened to Maude?

Answer: Maude decided to take a phased retirement and transferred to the alumni office for her final three years before retirement, where she worked on outreach to alums.

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