



# Reasoning with Ethics

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*Ethics in action creates character.*

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1. Lead class discussions in social studies, civics, ethics or advisory classes.
2. Teach students skills to analyze cases with core ethical values.
3. Recognize skills in support of SEE's Tri-Factor Model of ethical functioning.

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## ***Ethics and Immigration***

The migrant caravan making its way to the southern US border is a very complicated situation with conflicting core ethical values. Core values can conflict in life as when compassion for migrants suggests different responses than seeking responsibility to uphold immigration laws. Those arguing to support immigration laws note those laws are meant to protect the economics of existing citizens, while those seeking compassion for migrants are clearly recognizing the desperate circumstances of those leaving their home countries.



There are complexities in any response to the current situation with difficult consequences ahead regardless of an outcome that demonstrates compassion for migrants or respect for the law. As the larger problem of poverty and violence in Central American nations is not going away anytime soon, students are asked to consider what core values they would seek to demonstrate in response to immigration through the US southern border? How would those core values translate into short and longer-term immigration policies? Are there long-term economic and criminal justice reforms that the US should be supporting in Mexico and Central America?

These are complicated questions that would require some time to research and discuss in a social studies, ethics or history class. Regarding the response sought for this issue, SEE welcomes students to post on our website at [http://bit.ly/Ethics\\_Case](http://bit.ly/Ethics_Case) where more information is available for *Reasoning with Ethics* and a video link at <http://bit.ly/Im-caravan> with more details for this case.

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