



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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Core Values in Response to Hate

The past week has provided meaningful examples of how people can be overcome by hate and turn their dark thoughts into actions. Ethical

restraint has failed when hate is given a fertile mind to cultivate into bombs (phony or not) or shootings. But now, with the dark deeds done, there is more incitement to resent the bad actors. What core values should guide us?

Even though the bad actors in this week's cases are captured, all types of opinions are spun in social media and the news about what motivates the evil. With the accusations easily publicized, evil attributions are made to those thought to inspire the dark acts. A vicious circle forms where more hate is spun out with the potential for future violent results.

Seeking to walk us back from a precipitous fall, core ethical values call out for reflection and commitment. Students are asked, in the face of clear evil and the death of innocent victims such as those in Pittsburgh, what core values would lead to civil restraint and authentic peace and justice? What actions might be taken to demonstrate the best of our core values?

Regarding the response sought for this issue, SEE welcomes students to post on our website at http://bit.ly/Ethics_Case where more information is available for *Reasoning with Ethics*. A video link with more details for this case from an NBC story is available here- <https://youtu.be/DLHHZljjfYM>

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