



Reasoning with Ethics

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3. Recognize skills in support of SEE's Tri-Factor Model of ethical functioning.

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The Ethics of Protest

Recalling a definition of ethics, the rules and principles that guide behavior, one might ask how ethics guide the behavior of protest.

Dr. Martin Luther King had a specific ethic for his protests of civil disobedience, which violated laws in some instances. His ethic was one of nonviolence with the goal to turn the conscience of the culture.

Not everyone in the Civil Rights movement agreed with Dr. King, that nonviolence should be an ethical rule for protest, and today we are faced with similar questions. The case presented here is one example where "protestors" brought their claims of injustice to the home of a person with whom they disagree.

Representatives of Antifa assaulted the home of a television commentator and damaged his front door, spray painted their logo on his driveway and chanted outside the home, "Tucker Carlson we will fight, we know where you sleep at night. ...Leave town. [along with] Mail bomb." The commentator was not home at the time, and his wife felt she was experiencing a home invasion and retreated to a lockable closet and called the police.

While laws were clearly broken in damaging a house door and spray painting the property, are there core values that were violated where society needs to reject the strategies used by Antifa? What core values should guide legitimate protests?

Regarding the response sought for this issue, SEE welcomes students to post on our website at http://bit.ly/Ethics_Case . More information is available for this archived case at <https://youtu.be/dNd6S4RJtRA>

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