



# Reasoning with Ethics

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*“Ethics in action creates character.”*

Use this blog to:

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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## ***Values Analysis of Arming Teachers***

The US is faced with many challenging economic and social issues that divide the country. Gun violence, and specifically gun violence in schools represents one of those issues with many

contributing factors and highly committed supporters for and against various measures to resist future gun tragedies.

The idea to arm teachers in schools is an example of one of these controversial suggestions. SEE invites students to identify and use core ethical values to analyze the premise that trained and armed teachers might reduce the incidence and/or the number of victims in school shootings.

The video link with this case (see below) represents the interview of one Colorado teacher who has volunteered to be trained and participate in the concealed carry of a 9-mm handgun with the approval of the school district.

Students are requested to place themselves as a school board member making the decision for this policy. What core ethical values would support your decision to approve this policy? Are there core ethical values you would cite to resist this policy? In addition, what social/political skills might you need to participate in this discussion with your fellow board members and the school community?

Regarding the response sought in 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*. There is video link for this archived case at <http://bit.ly/Armed-Teacher>

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