



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 values.
3. Recognize skills in support of the four components of ethical functioning.

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What Motivates Those Who Help?

A recent story on CBS news highlighted the work of US volunteer medical professionals who were serving in the Iraq war zone of Mosul. Under the umbrella of a group called New York City (NYC) Medics, the volunteers have been traveling to foreign disaster areas for years, but this is the first time they've entered a war zone.



The video and interview by reporter Holly Williams on the link below represent the remarkable work of compassion that is being performed by the NYC Medics. Participants in the program often take their own vacation time to travel to disasters and offer their professional and humanitarian services.

This leads to fascinating ethical questions. What motivates some people to serve and serve heroically? What core ethical values support the choice of sacrificial service? In addition, what rationalizations must be overcome by those who chose to enter into this type of service? Students are encouraged to watch the video and discuss the ethical motivations for those that serve locally and globally.

Regarding the questions in this case, SEE welcomes students to post their response on our website at http://bit.ly/Ethics_Case where more information is available in support of *Reasoning with Ethics*. The archived video link for this case can be found at- <http://bit.ly/NYC-Medics>

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