



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 the Gun Control Debate

Our nation is divided by many emotional issues. The gun control debate is front and center with the recent tragedy in



Parkland Florida still fresh in our memory along with the March for Our Lives events on 3/24/18. With the second amendment advocates on one side and the gun control supporters on the other, how does a democratic society resolve their contentious issues?

In recent events, gun control advocates have used impassioned attack language to make their case. For example, students have verbally confronted US Senators with statements such as, looking at you is like looking down the barrel of a gun. NRA members are often accused of being murderers or supporting terrorists. In response, NRA members have been noted to observe that the media likes mass shootings for the ratings they obtain in covering them. Rhetoric like this while gaining attention is ill-conceived to advance a cause.

SEE asks students to consider the long-term process it requires to obtain and sustain any type of a plurality of support for a national issue. In the process to gain that support, what core ethical values should govern the debate to seek a reasonable consensus? In addition, what skills would help advance a political consensus?

Regarding the response sought in 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 for this archived case can be found at-- <https://youtu.be/MFgUGntQpxI>

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