



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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The Core Values of Conflict

We face the potential for small and large conflicts almost every day. How we handle them can be regulated by our core values. In a recent story, two black men were arrested by Philadelphia police for refusing to leave a Starbucks. We question if there were multiple points in this case where core values could have guided the conflict in a different direction.



The facts as learned from CBS News seem clear enough. Two black men were waiting for a business appointment at a Starbucks but had not purchased any Starbucks products. During their wait, one of the men ask to use the restroom and was turned down and then both were requested to leave as no product was purchased. The men refused to leave, police were called, they continued to refuse to leave and arrests were made and caught on video. The resulting protests have attracted national attention and an apology from the Starbucks CEO.

Students are asked to consider what core values could have led anyone in this case to de-escalate the situation? In light of the racial factors cited in this case, are there core values that one would identify that required an escalation (nonviolent resistance) in this conflict?

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 with more details for this archived case is available at--
<https://cbsn.ws/2Ht9Xnr>

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