



# 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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## ***Core Values in Justice***

A pair of troubling stories about clear violations of justice in our legal system have appeared on CBS News in the past week.

Two men in two different states with vastly different stories have fallen on the wrong side of our justice system and wrongly imprisoned for years. Meek Mill

has been found by the Philadelphia DA to have been falsely accused with fabricated evidence and fighting for his liberty in and out of jail for 10 years. David Robinson has been found by the Missouri Supreme Court to be wrongfully convicted and imprisoned since 2001 and at this writing is still in jail.

False testimony by paid witnesses and/or police fabricating evidence have been noted in these cases. SEE highlights these cases as serious ethical failures with the hope that students would recognize where they might protect the fairness of the US Justice system. In any encounter with our justice system, what core values should guide our interactions? If students become employed in the justice system, what core values would be necessary to resist any participation in corruption such as evidence planting or witness coercion? What skills would be required by a concerned citizen if they became aware of an unjust prosecution and wanted to help a person falsely accused?

Regarding the response sought for 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*. Find video links to this archived case with two video stories at <https://cbsn.ws/2lfbezD> and <https://cbsn.ws/2L1NRr6>

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