



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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Reflecting on Heroic Character

CBS News reports on the successful outcome of a coach/security guard, Keanon Lowe at Parkrose High School in Portland, Oregon who disarmed a troubled student who came to school with a loaded shotgun.



The student was heard to have made suicidal statements and Mr. Lowe was sent to find him. The school's security footage reveals when the student came into a classroom and a coach/security guard intervened to take the shotgun away. With the shotgun removed from the situation, Mr. Lowe then embraced the student to calm him down. This is another example of the heroic character that is often demonstrated by adults and students during actual or potential school shooting incidents.

SEE asks students to consider how is heroic character is formed in a person's life? In ancient Greece, heroic character was an ethical obligation of citizens. Today, we marvel when it is demonstrated and ask why some folks run into danger and some run away. And whether it is the direct threat of a weapon, or the threat of social stigma by resisting peer pressure, are there strategies that students can practice to strengthen ethical courage?

One strategy SEE suggests is to visualize one's choices in response to challenges. What strategies might students suggest to develop the capacity for ethical courage? Finally, is courage in the face of risk an ethical responsibility?

Regarding this archived case, a video and more information is available on the following links: CBS News: <https://www.cbsnews.com/video/coach-who-disarmed-embraced-student-i-just-wanted-to-let-him-know-that-i-was-there-for-him/>

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