



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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Food Banks: Ethics in Action

[Note to readers, RWE emails will resume the week of January 11th. Have a safe and reflective holiday season.]

COVID continues to lead some state leaders to shut-down business activities that have led to massive unemployment and budget challenges for millions. Food banks have seen demand rise while simultaneously food producers

have lost markets with restaurant closures. Individuals and agencies have recognized the need to connect farmers directly to people in need.

CBS News reports the inspiring story of college students who began their own FarmLink project and subsequently provided food for over 18 million meals. The US Department of Agriculture has also moved into this area of need with their Farmers to Families Food Box program. Farmers to Families contract with farmers and then invites the collaboration of local food banks and other agencies to distribute food to families in need. Over 122 million food boxes representing almost \$4 billion worth of food have been distributed from the program, mostly by local volunteers.

This blog normally asks students to consider what core values would motivate participation in voluntary projects like those described. This week we ask, what type of commitment and skills are required for volunteers to serve in these projects? This question represents the third factor in our ethical functioning model. During the holiday season, students are encouraged to find a local food bank and determine if they have the commitment and skills necessary to support the mission of helping others with their food needs. A link here provides a food bank locator to help students identify any volunteer opportunities at a local food bank.

Supplemental Links

CBS video-- <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/college-students-create-farmlink-project-to-reduce-food-waste-and-feed-hungry-families/>

Incs 1:35 video

Farmers to Families Food Box-- <https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food-to-usda/farmers-to-families-food-box>

Feeding America Food Bank Locator-- <https://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank>

