



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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Global Obligations?

We recall December 7th as a day when the Greatest Generation was drawn into a global conflict after the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. That generation's epic struggle and the unity they demonstrated should be an example to us today.

There are many armed conflicts currently taking place across the globe. One of the biggest is happening in our southern neighbor, Mexico where drug cartels are fighting each other and the government. An estimated 200,000 people have been killed in cartel violence since 1989.

Another international conflict zone is continuing unabated in northern Nigeria and bleeds over into three neighboring countries. There are estimates that over 51,000 deaths have occurred since 2009 when the Islamic group Boko Haram began its goal to purify Nigeria from western influence. This month, a particularly horrific attack occurred where about 100 rice farmers had their throats slit and 15 women were kidnapped by the group.

Boko Haram has demonstrated particular violence against Nigerian Christians. They are accused of genocide. Specifically, churches have been burned and Christians identified with Christian women kidnapped to become forced brides for Boko Haram soldiers while the men are murdered.

Is there any ethical obligation for a student an ocean away to pay attention to these atrocities and take any action? What makes the outrageous actions in Nigeria meaningful to a western student? Are there core values that should guide westerners to respond to any tragedy in Africa? Students are asked to visit the Genocide Watch action link - <https://www.genocidewatch.com/take-action-new> and consider if there are any steps they should take to resist a genocide in Africa.

Supplemental Links

List of ongoing armed conflicts (current) Wikipedia--

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_ongoing_armed_conflicts

Christian Genocide in Africa (12/1/20) CBN--

<https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2020/november/human-rights-advocates-sound-alarm-on-christian-genocide-unfolding-in-africa>

Why has Nigeria failed to defeat Boko Haram? (11/30/20) (25:25) AlJazeeraEnglish--

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72O678K8DP0>

Nigeria's Christian become target of genocide as international community remains silent. (11/18/20)

Fox News: <https://www.foxnews.com/world/the-next-jihad-the-silent-killing-of-nigerias-christians-poses-challenges-for-next-administration> (text and link to 8:30 video)

Nigerians killed (current) Genocide Watch- <https://www.genocidewatch.com/nigeria>

Genocide Watch- take action link-- <https://www.genocidewatch.com/take-action-new>

