

Developing a Personal Code of Ethics

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Course Description

A personal code of ethics helps a leader navigate difficult situations and build confidence among followers that he or she is making the most ethical decision. Learn more about developing a personal code of ethics, including the four questions every ethical code should address.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the importance of ethical considerations when leading and managing.
- Identify the sources of ethics.
- What are the four questions every code of ethics should address?

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important that leaders understand how others perceive their actions? Why is it important that other people perceive your actions as fair?
2. Think of a time when you had to make a difficult decision. In making that decision, what were the questions that you asked yourself? What does that say about your personal code of ethics?

Developmental Action:

1. Think of someone in your community who everyone regards as ethical. Speak to this person about a difficult decision they had to make and how they made that decision.