Multiple Ethical Pardigms (MEP)

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Ethics of justice, critique and care
Multiple Ethical Paradigms

Ethic of Care

Ethic of Critique

Ethic of the Profession

Ethic of Justice

Ethic of Justice

- Focuses on Law, Rights, Policies
- Includes fairness, equality, freedom
- Asks questions such as:
  
  Is there a law, right or policy appropriate for this situation?
  Why is this the correct one?
  How should it be implemented?
Ethic of Critique

- Redefines and challenges concepts
- Deals with power, privilege, and social justice
- Asks questions such as:
  Who makes the laws, rules or policies?
  Who benefits from them?
  Who has the power?
  Who is silenced?
Ethic of Care

- Focuses on the consequences of decisions
- Deals with loyalty, trust, empowerment
- Asks questions such as:
  - Who will benefit from what I decide?
  - Who will be hurt?
  - What are the long-term effects of my decision?
  - If I am helped by someone now, how can I give back to society in the future?
Ethic of the Profession

- Focuses on educational leadership
- Asks questions such as:
  
  What are my personal and professional codes?

  What are my professional organization’s codes?

  What does the community think about an issue?

  What is in the BEST INTERESTS OF THE STUDENT?
Clashes of Professional Codes

- Between personal and professional codes
- Within professional codes
- Among educational leaders
- Between leader’s code and those of the community
Ethic of Community

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Diverse Communities
An Ongoing Process
Group Decision Making
Combining Theory with Practice: The critical Step