### Multiple Ethical Pardigms (MEP)

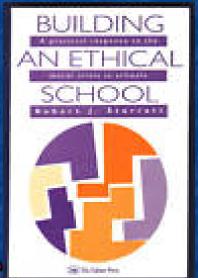
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## Building an Ethical School



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Ethics of justice, critique and care

## **Multiple Ethical Paradigms**

Ethic of Care

**Ethic of Critique** 

**Ethic of the Profession** 







Shapiro and Stefkovich, 2001, 2005, 2011

#### **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**

Gail Furman
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Diverse Communities
An Ongoing Process
Group Decision Making





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#### Ethical Leadership and Decision Making in Education

Appring Theoretical Perspectives to Complex Dilemmos

Individual Professional Codes

Standards of the Students of the Community

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