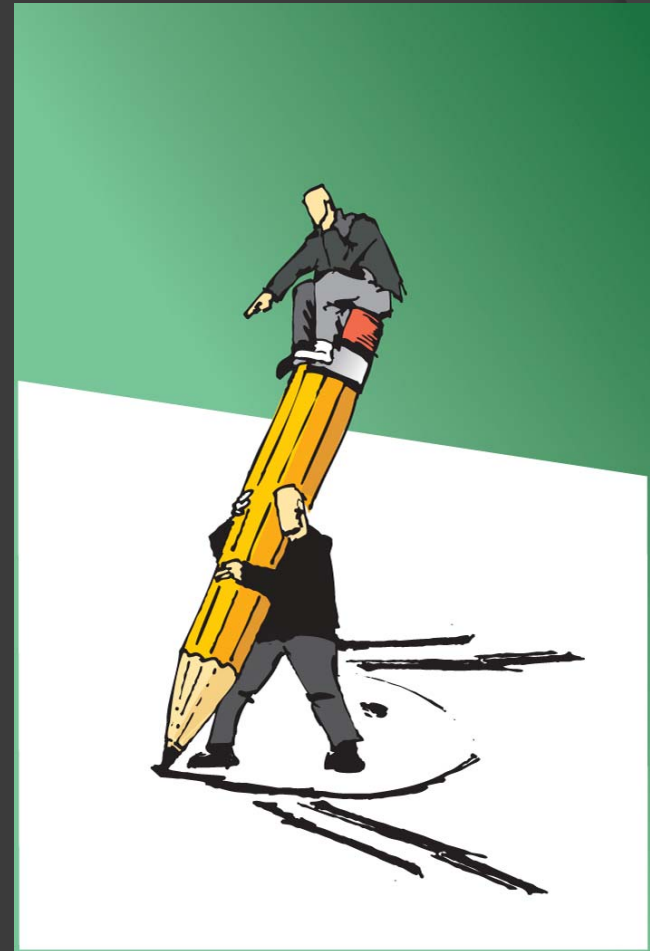


Personal and Professional Ethics

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What is Ethics?

- Ethics has long been a subject for philosophy
- Ancient Greek philosophers were pivotal in western culture
- Ethical behavior is embedded in one's personal value system



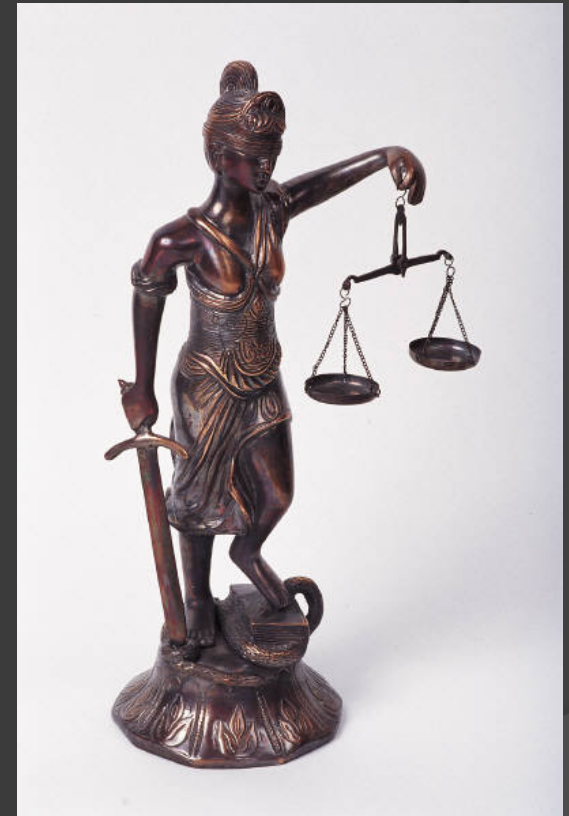
Applied Ethics

- ⦿ Application of ethical principles to real life situations
- ⦿ The ethical codes of professional organizations are applied ethics.



What is Law?

- American Law is founded on the English system
- English Common Law was already in place by the time of the Revolution
- This is based on a system termed “stare decisis”, that is: “to stand by things decided”
- California retains some concepts of Spanish Law such as Community Property.
- If a law is unethical, should you obey it?



Piaget - Moral Development



- Heteronomous morality is when a child thinks rules cannot be broken
- Autonomous morality is when rules are seen as changeable according to the circumstances
- Lawrence Kohlberg modified Piaget to add more stages
- Carol Gilligan added a gender dimension

Can ethics be taught?

- My view is in some ways ethics cannot be taught
- Human beings have free choice and can choose to be unethical

