

## PSoV

### My Core Values and How I Define What is “Right” and “Wrong”

As mentioned in my discussion post I don't believe I know what exactly is right or wrong. That is not to say that I don't judge my actions or other peoples actions, I do judge, I however believe myself and everyone else judges on a scale that isn't black or white. To continue on this I do not believe right or wrong are black and white regions you can clearly place an action or decision into. I believe right or wrong is a spectrum and this spectrum is influenced by your life experiences and the people around you as you go through these experiences. This is to say everyone has experienced a time in their life where they questioned why someone would act in a certain manner or say something so blatantly wrong in the moral or ethical sense. In cases like these maybe within their personal spectrum the decision they made was in the right “section” of their spectrum. While on your spectrum their action was in the wrong “section”. I believe these occurrences show how your life has influenced your concept of right and wrong, and how different experiences and upbringings have shaped others in different ways.

When I personally decide if something is right or wrong I focus on my understanding of integrity, responsibility, respect and justice and what these concepts mean to me. Integrity to me means constantly doing the right thing even when no one is watching, this also means taking accountability for my actions and upholding a sense of pride in my work. This bridges into my sense of responsibility where I not only take accountability for my actions but I also believe in being conscious of the outcome of my actions while ensuring I am able to commit to a job to the best of my abilities. My sense of respect stems from my wish to never judge people and constantly practice being inclusive with everyone I meet. I would hate to lose an opportunity to meet or have a conversation with someone because I wrongly judged who they were. And last but not least justice, justice for me is not about fairness or equal opportunity, I believe in justice in more of a karma sense and that people should get what they deserve whether it be bad karma or good karma. I believe in this sense of justice as no one should be handed anything to be put on equal footing but if something is wanted it should be worked for or if something isn't worked for it shouldn't be gained. By applying my thoughts on these principles I choose to decide where actions fall in my spectrum of right and wrong from the previously mentioned basis and principles.

### Where My Values Come From

I would say my values stem from my experiences and the people I choose to surround myself with which aligns with my previous statement of where my belief of right and wrong come from. From a young age my parents especially have always instilled in me a sense of responsibility and respect. Both of my parents are quite academic and I believe that intelligence like this ties tightly with a proper sense of morals and ethics, at least a proper sense according to my scale. I think the sense of curiosity that my family instilled in me by constantly pushing me to learn and experience allowed me to develop a well rounded set of

values by being able to learn from many peoples and resources, different values and different views on these values.

Another integral building block in my values was at a young age I was moved to another country halfway across the world to a completely new society with a completely new set of values and societal standards. I feel that this experience was integral in my development of values because the more one is able to travel and experience different societies the more they are able to learn about different values because of this people are able to build an expansive and broad view on different values. These experiences and the people i surrounded myself built the values I hold tightest which are respect for not only others but myself, honesty in every aspect of my life but especially in my work, responsibility for myself and my actions and any outcome of my actions, kindness as well as compassion as I have witnessed firsthand how far just these two values can take you and there is always more room for kindness in our current world, patience as i believe the ability to step back and take your time to think whether for a moment or a week or longer is integral to a well rounded person, and last but not least integrity to constantly be righteous and do what i believe is right even when it's not the easy thing to do.

## Personal Values vs. Professional Obligations

At this point, I do not foresee major conflicts between my personal values and professional obligations. This is because so far in my professional career many of my personal values have actually been assets in my professional life and helpful in performing to the best of my abilities. The values such as integrity, kindness, and responsibility along with others I believe will not only be valued in my current job but also in my future career within the IT industry. I feel that these values align because they are common values related to respect and proper work ethic as it applies to professionalism. Personal values which focus on building trust, credibility, and respect such as the ones that I hold myself to seem to be held in high regard in any reputable professional environment. Organizations, especially in the technology sector, rely on employees who act ethically, handle data responsibly, treat others with respect, and maintain high standards of accountability which are again all values which I believe to hold myself to. I believe that companies that value ethical behavior, transparency, and social responsibility are not only better places to work but also will allow me more room to succeed long-term.

I believe myself to be a person with proper values that are commonly respected and acknowledged as good values to most of the general public. Because of this, any situation where I anticipate a contradiction between my personal values and professional obligations could arise would only occur if the professional obligations pushed onto me were to prioritize the gain of the company in an unethical manner. Such as scaling the gain of the company over the privacy of our customers or the quality of our product. I would like to be able to say in scenarios like these I would go with the ethical choice and either speak out or try to change my superiors mind or the extreme option of quitting, but i can not be confident I will. Although I may not feel good doing it to me, the people I want to bring the least amount of harm to in any sense of the word are my family and the people i care about. And however ugly it is, unfortunately money is what makes the world go around so with enough money I may be willing to compromise my values for the betterment of who I care about. To avoid this scenario ever occurring I hope to be able to join a company and build my career in a way

that i can contribute to society in a valuable way and at the very least am able to live a comfortable life. Either way I will continue to reflect critically on my values and remain open to evolving them as I grow both personally and professionally.

## PCoPE

### One Clause for each of the 7 topics

As I understand it professional conduct means the behaviours, and characteristics often deemed desirable for a professional. I believe I have the appropriate behaviour and desirable attributes of a professional, these traits have been nurtured mainly from the past four years of working at a restaurant and through proper mentorship developing my professional conduct to a standard I believe is desirable.

My family, specifically my father, has always stressed the value of lifelong learning. He has shown me one should never stop learning even if you are no longer in school one should constantly strive to learn. I feel that this applies even more as I am in a technology industry and technology advances so quickly that if you are not constantly learning you will fall behind very quickly. Because of this I currently and will continue to try to make myself knowledgeable on one new fact or bit of information related to anything I am interested in every week.

I do feel I reference my past experiences quite often. This is because I believe that my past experiences along with other people's past experiences build who someone is as a person and what values someone may hold to a higher or lower standard. To continue off of this last point I feel that my experience travelling and living in other regions of the world were invaluable in shaping my view on diversity, equity and inclusion. My belief is the best way to develop yourself in these aspects is to immerse yourself in different cultures and I will continue to believe this to be a fact. My experiences in different cultures have allowed me to build a strong understanding of inclusion, diversity and equity as I believe there is always something to gain from another person's view of the world and no one should be judged on their appearance or upbringing.

Before this course, I did not often think of intellectual property but this class has provided meaningful insights on intellectual property among other ethical topics. From the understanding I developed, I believe that the protection of intellectual property should be done constantly and I will uphold myself to the standard of always properly citing others' work and respecting their intellectual property. Similar to the last point I did not think often about contracts or had any real-world experience with contracts, so most of my understanding was developed over the last three weeks. Throughout my future career, I will honour any contract I agree to or enter whoever it be with but I will also ensure that these contracts are fair and ethically sound.

The topic of data protection and privacy is more important now than ever as more and more data is being moved online whether to modernize old information or as the data's birthplace. As it relates to my professional career I will hold myself to the highest standard of protecting

the confidentiality and integrity of any data I am tasked with dealing with and will only use data for legitimate purposes and a reasonable matter of time.

The final point is the topic of general social and environmental obligations. I often indulge in outdoor activities in the forests and oceans around Vancouver and thoroughly enjoy my time doing so, but even further than just our backyard I pledge myself to consider the broader impact of my work on the environment to minimize harm and promote sustainability while also keeping societal standards and the general good of the public in mind.

## Reflection on Class and Personal Ethics

Before this course, I never had deep reflections on my personal values or professional values and I believe I had a quite shallow understanding of ethics. I believed ethics was just about avoiding wrongdoing and trying to do the right thing whenever possible. However, I now see ethics as the constant commitment to doing what is right not only when it is easy but to constantly push oneself to do the right thing and follow their moral compass whenever one can. I feel the portions of the course which made me reflect the most were the discussion posts and the replies as not only did they promote deep thinking on my behalf they also pushed me to put myself into others' shoes and try to understand their perspective on different morals and ethical views. The portion of the class which was most insightful to me was the recognition that professional ethics and personal ethics aren't as different as they seem. Reading through the ACM and discussions throughout the class I have realized that many if not all professional values are developed or extended off of personal values and if these personal values are not developed properly your professional values will also fall below the desirable standard. This class overall has pushed me to reflect on my personal and professional values and realize that I need to constantly reflect and revise these values as I apply them throughout my life.

## How I May Apply My PCoPE

I don't know if I am going to reference this as my code of conduct throughout the rest of my life. Still, the insights or the deep thinking this class and this assignment have drawn out of me will stay with me. I feel throughout just these three weeks I was able to reflect deeply and purposefully refine my ethical and moral compass while thinking about my professional values and how I will carry myself within my future professional environments. I will continue to revise my code of morals and ethics throughout the rest of my life and try to stay as true to myself as possible without faltering on what I believe. This is because I feel if I stray too far from what I believe I will start to lose my vision of myself and I feel there is nothing good that comes from that.

Throughout my current professional career, I feel that my values have been very impactful to my speedy rise through the positions of the restaurant I work at. I have yet to face any extreme moral or ethical dilemmas where my job contrasts with my values and although I know this scenario will occur at some point in my life I believe that I will be able to hold strong to my morals to an extent. My morals are strongly guided towards the benefit of my inner circle so as long as the outcome of the interaction resolves in the most benefits for my inner circle that will probably be the option I choose.