

A photograph of several white envelopes scattered on a light-colored surface. One envelope in the lower right quadrant is a bright yellow color, standing out from the others. The envelopes are slightly crumpled and have their flaps folded down.

Ethics, Integrity, & the Badge

How do we make ethical decisions?

Mind-Mapping: What are **ETHICS**?

With your group, create a mind-map defining **ETHICS**.

Place the word **ETHICS** in the center of the mind map and draw out **terms**, **words**, and/or **concepts** that you would use to define ethics.

You have 5 minutes.



Ethics Defined

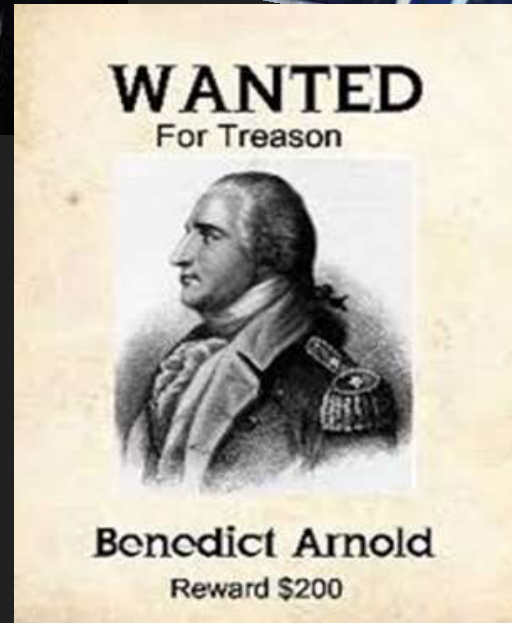
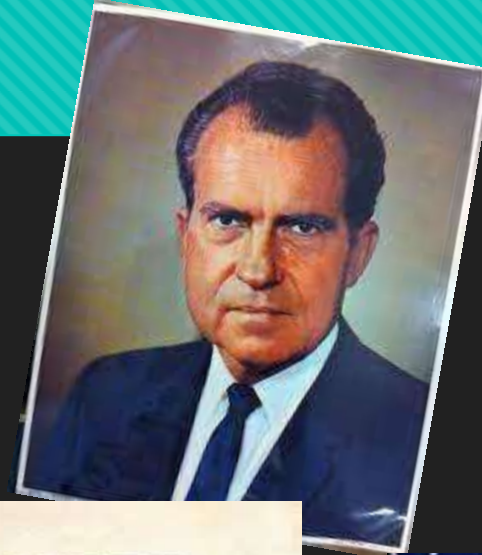
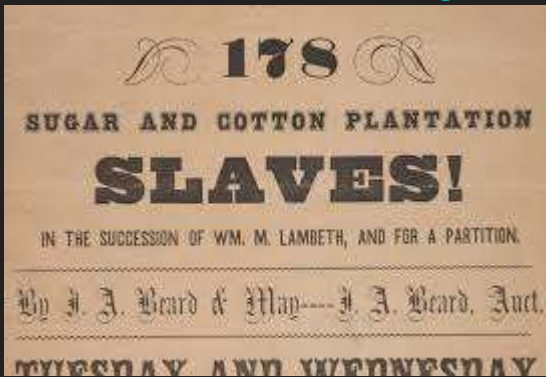
Social or institutional standards for what is right and wrong



https://www.differn.com/difference/Ethics_vs_Morals



What are ethics?



Objectives

Define and explain the basic concept of policing ethics

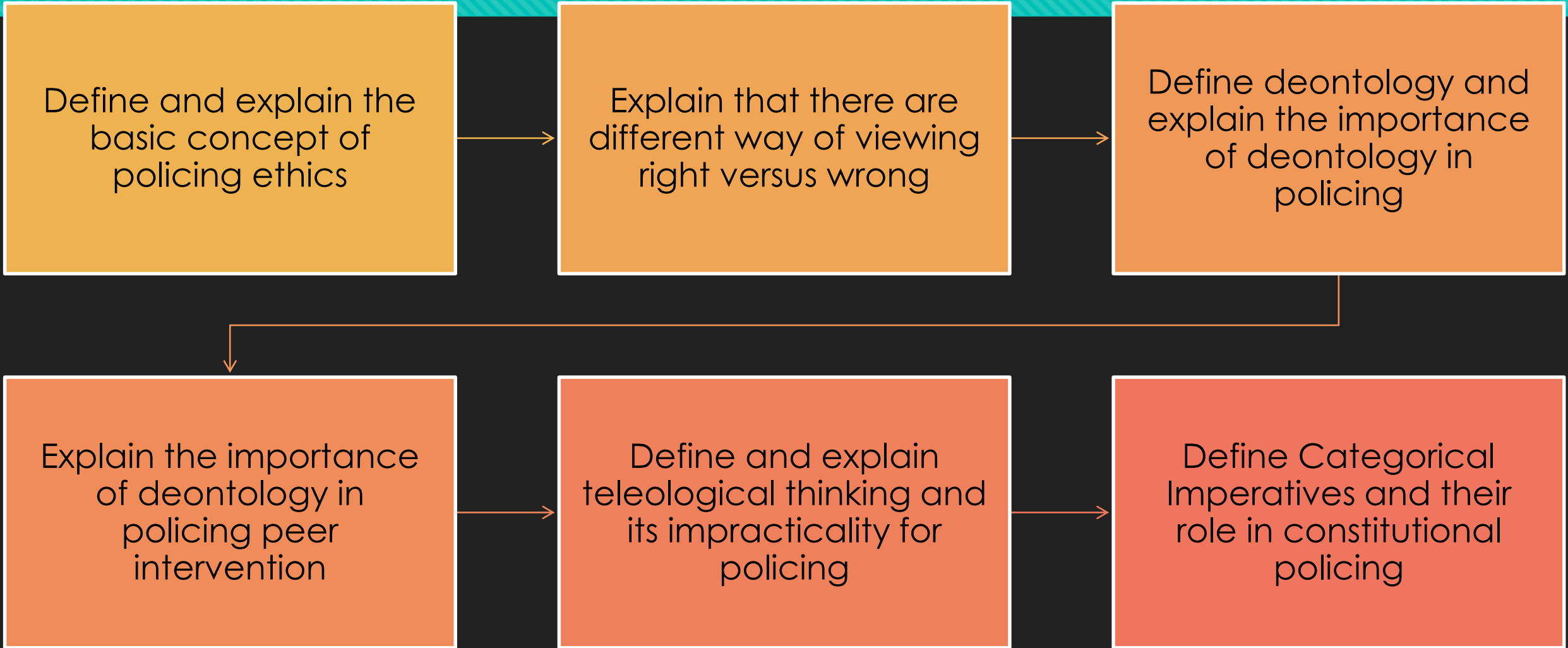
Explain that there are different way of viewing right versus wrong

Define deontology and explain the importance of deontology in policing

Explain the importance of deontology in policing peer intervention

Define and explain teleological thinking and its impracticality for policing

Define Categorical Imperatives and their role in constitutional policing



What questions do we ask when we discuss ethics?

What is **right** behavior?

What is **wrong** behavior?

What does outcome have to do with ethical right and ethical wrong?

What does duty have to do with ethical right and wrong?



For instance ... Is it ever okay to kill?



Is it ever right to lie?



Is torture ethically acceptable?

US Pilots Tortured by the North Vietnamese



Terrorism Suspects Water-Boarded by the US post - 9/11



What sort of ethics are there?



Egoism

**Applied
Ethics**

Virtue Ethics

**Altruistic
Ethics**

Meta-ethics

Utilitarianism



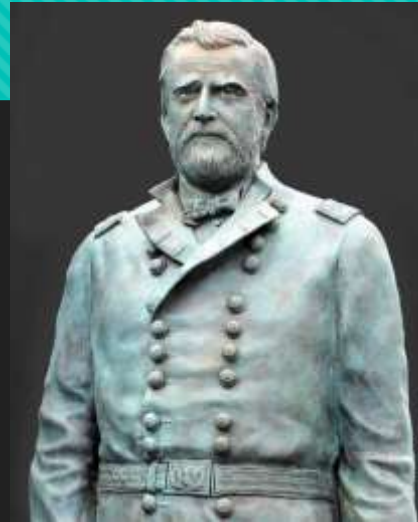
What does all of this have to do with us?



Deontological Ethics

Duty Ethics

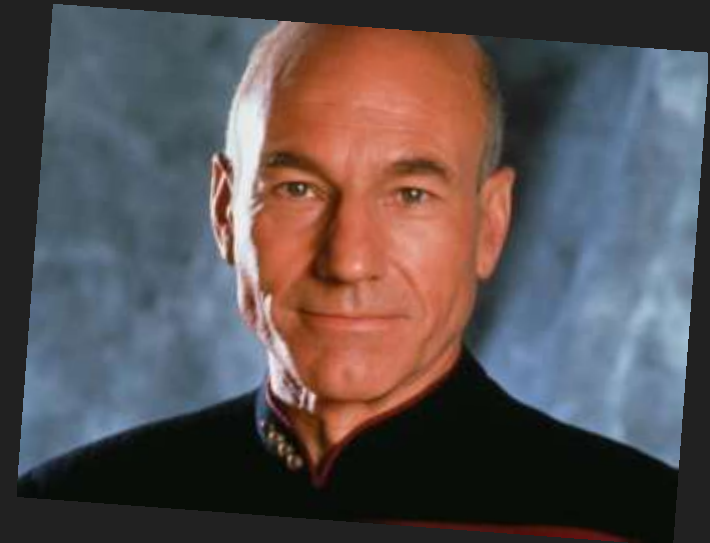
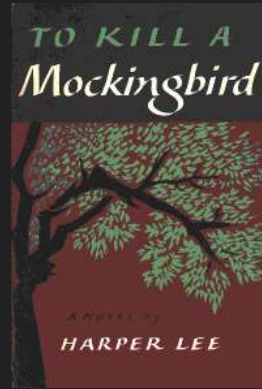
- What you *ought* to do in a situation
- What must be done for the greater good



(Cottingham, 1996)

Deontological Ethics

I should do the right thing because it's the right thing to do, no matter what happens at the end.



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CASE STUDY: What is the right thing?



CASE STUDY: Peer Intervention

Peer Intervention

Looking at the case study, who could have intervened and how?

How would that intervention have shown deontology?



Teleological Ethics



I only care about the end product.

What I do to get there doesn't matter.

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(Morelli, 1994)

CASE STUDY: How does this work for you?

“Act only on the maxim (principle or rule) whereby you can at the same time will that it should become a universal law.”

Formula of Humanity

“Act in such a way that you treat humanity, whether in your own person or in the person of any other, never merely as a means to an end, but always at the same time as an end.”

— Immanuel Kant, *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals*

CASE STUDY: The Philadelphia PD

Use the Kantian “Good Policing” Test

Formulate your maxim clearly – state what you intended to do, and why

Imagine a society in which every cop supported and acted on your maxim

Ask: Can my goal as a police officer be achieved in such a society?

Then ask: Does my maxim prioritize humanity as a value in and of itself?

Ethics in review

Deontology



Teleology



Questions?

Comments?