

Engineering Codes: Ethics or Law?

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Legal Moralism and Procedural Morality Exercise

See if you can identify these qualities of the DAPE Code of Ethics (not all might be present). Some have to be assessed for each rule. For those, how consistent/variable is each quality throughout the code?

Legal Moralism:

- Law must be consistent with common thought and shared morality within the society
- Law can and must enforce and preserve the society's shared morality

Procedural Morality:

1. Rules must be expressed in general terms;
2. Rules must be publicly promulgated;
3. Rules must be prospective;
4. Rules must be expressed in understandable terms
5. Rules must be consistent with one another;
6. Rules must not require conduct beyond the power of the affected parties
7. Rules must be not changed so frequently that the subject cannot rely on them;
8. Rules must be administered consistent with their wording.