
Ethics and Values

Lecture 1

What is special about 'ethics and values' in relation to social work?

The constraints imposed by an interventionist discipline.

Intrinsically ethical?

The values of users - though problems of evaluation and knowledge

Is there a fact/value dichotomy?

Hume, Logical Positivists

Ethics as rule governed (Aristotle, Kant)

How can we evaluate moral discourse? (Ethics as theory formation?)

Rights talk

Intentionalist morality

Equality of opportunity

Unreasonable care

Ethical statements as disguised empirical claims? Inference licences under uncertainty?

Williams' counter- example

And a counter

Biased towards some definitions of social work?

Ethical content of practical decisions

Resource allocation

NAI *versus* AI

Conclusion. How to benefit/protect users/customers/clients
