

Ethical Issues in Research

- **Ethics:**

Below are methods of conduct/standards for proper and responsible behavior among psychological researchers. In 1992, the American Psychological Association (A.P.A.) published a series of ethical principles regarding the collection, storage, and use of psychological data

- **Ethical Principles in Psychology (A.P.A.):**

1. All ethical problems must be resolved before research has begun
2. Research must minimize the possibilities of misleading results
3. The dignity, welfare, and confidentiality of all participants are to be
4. protected
5. Psychologists are responsible for all research they perform, or is performed by others under their supervision
6. Psychologists must obey all state and federal laws and regulations, in addition to professional standards governing research
7. With the exception of anonymous surveys, naturalistic observations, and similar research, psychologists must reach an agreement regarding the rights and responsibilities of both participants and researcher(s) before research has begun
8. When consent is required, psychologists must obtain a signed, informed consent before starting any research with a participant
9. Deception is used only if no better alternative is available; under no circumstance is there deception about (negative) aspects that might influence a participant's willingness to participate
10. Other subjective issues (depending on individual research):
 - Sharing/Utilizing data
 - Offering incentives
 - Minimizing evasiveness ("tricking" participants)
 - Providing participants with information about the study
11. *During the late 20th century the use of animals in research has caused much concern and debate; Use of animals in research is subjective, and at the discretion of the A.P.A.

In your table groups come up with examples of what these "Ethical Principles" may or may not look like?

For Example: 1) All ethical problems must be resolved before research has begun.

The researcher says they will just wing it and address any problems as they "come along"