

Following Unethical Military Orders

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Military Ethic is an ethic like no other. The ethics, written and non, are protected by the military members that serve. The protection that is provided to them are such that they have become the values that churn all decisions. The Army has adopted an acronym it uses to remember its adopted ethics called the Army Values. The acronym is LDRSHIP. Each letter stands for one value. L is for Loyalty, D is for Duty, R is for Respect, S is for Selfless Service, H is for Honor, I is for Integrity, and P is for Personal Courage. Together this spells the word leadership that has its own underlying meaning. These values have become a part of daily life in the United States Army. It has been a way to teach individuals as well as punish if not kept.

Because following military orders that may be unethical, questions have been raised about upbringing, determination, culture, stature, and favor, which all provide decent and somewhat strong arguments to their liking but may display their undoing of the ethics in which those people who have asked the impossible are the very ones causing the corruption.

I. Ethics Theory for the Military Professional (Maloney 1981).

A. Definition

1. Cultural
2. Geographic
3. Presence or Setting
4. Religious

B. Beliefs based on right and wrong, pros and cons, taught or born.

II. Uniformed Code of Military Justice

- A. Article 90 – willfully disobeying a commissioned officer (in a time of war, violators of this Article can be sentenced to death).

- B. Article 91 – willfully disobeying a noncommissioned officer or warrant officer
 - C. Article 92 – willfully disobeying any lawful order (disobedience does not have to be willful under this article.)
 - D. UCMJ requires the obedience of lawful orders. Unlawful orders not only need not to be obeyed but the person obeying them can be the only one prosecuted for obeying them (times while a prisoner is included under the Code of Conduct).
- III. Accomplishment of the mission-Abu Ghraib, battle at Wanat, Afghanistan July, 2008.
- A. Loyalty
 - B. Duty
 - C. Respect
 - D. Selfless Service
 - E. Honor
 - F. Integrity
 - G. Personal Courage
- IV. Determination to go home
- A. True combat theater experience
- V. Right and Wrong
- VI. Conclusion

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