

SCRIPT 1: A discussion of the work ethic brings up some very provocative questions. Do workplace ethics problems come from a lack of a work ethic? Where does your character fit into your work ethic? What is happening in our modern global work environment that conflicts with our traditional view of the work ethic? How can we instill a good work ethic in those entering the workforce or those already in it? Of course, everyone has something to say on the topic; everyone has a story to tell. In discussing the work ethic, there are many issues in play, including cultural issues, generational issues, parenting, self-discipline, character, and many others. You need to understand that the work ethic, personal character, and ethical behavior at work are interconnected and are key factors in our professional ethical life. Why does the word morality leave most of us with an unsettled feeling? The fact is, whether we have high moral standards or not, most of us don't want to feel that someone else's morality is being pushed on us. It's simple human nature; we prefer to make our own moral decisions. But in reality, whether we know it or not or like it or not, someone else's morality is constantly influencing our everyday decisions. In order to have any kind of meaningful dialogue on ethics, a discussion of morality must take place. One can argue that there is no such thing as ethics without morality. We need to be comfortable discussing morality in a variety of contexts and standing up for it when the time is right. Learning to make moral judgments is a significant step toward making compliance to rules an internal part of our character. The workplace is a unique setting to talk about moral decision-making because some areas of the workplace are highly regulated by rules, yet others are not. We need to think about how this practically works out and how to develop skills to address the wide variety of circumstances we face each day. FROM: https://youtu.be/b_n6i1ug0tQ?si=bdjzpRwBs2gPOb2D

Instructions: Listen carefully to the video script. Afterward, answer the questions based on what the video says.

What is the script mainly discussing?

- A. Different job titles
- B. The work ethic and ethical behavior at work
- C. Popular movies and TV shows

Why do many people feel uneasy when they hear the word "morality"?

- A. Because they prefer to make their own moral decisions
- B. Because they don't understand its meaning
- C. Because they love discussing moral topics

According to the script, what is the relationship between ethics and morality?

- A. There is no such thing as ethics without morality
- B. They are unrelated concepts
- C. They are opposites

What is emphasized as a significant step toward making compliance to rules a part of one's character?

- A. Ignoring discussions about morality
- B. Learning to make moral judgments
- C. Avoiding rules in the workplace

Why is the workplace considered a unique setting to talk about moral decision-making?

- A. Because the workplace has its own set of moral standards
- B. Because some areas of the workplace are highly regulated by rules, while others are not
- C. Because there are no rules in the workplace