

From the Resource Service

NEW SERIES HIGHLIGHTS ETHICS

Now available through the Foundation's Resource Service, Ethics in America is a new ten-part series of television seminars that will debut on PBS, beginning in late January. Focusing on contemporary ethical conflicts, the highly charged programs reflect the complexity and diversity of modern life. Each episode develops as a case study in personal and professional ethics, as lawyers present hypothetical dilemmas with which renowned public and academic figures must wrestle. The goal is not to inculcate particular values, or even to change minds, but rather to provide viewers with the intellectual tools to analyze moral dilemmas in certain fields and the society in which we all must live.

1. Do Unto Others

What is the individual's responsibility to report on the abuse of a neighbor's child, or to help a homeless person? How much do we owe each other and our community? Among the panelists are Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia; columnist Ellen Goodman; Surgeon General C. Everett Koop; Dr. Donald Shriver, president of Union Theological Seminary; the Reverend Bryan Hehir of the U.S. Catholic Conference; and Willard Gaylin, President of the Hastings Center.

2. To Defend a Killer

Do lawyers have an obligation to defend people they know are guilty? How far should they go in discrediting a victim's character? And how and why should we punish the guilty? Panelists include Antonin Scalia, defense

attorney Jack Littman, U.S. District Attorney Scott Harshbarger, Willard Gaylin, and philosopher John Smith of Yale.

3. Public Trust, Private Interests

This program follows the hypothetical case of a young man who moves from the administrative branch, through an election campaign, to service as a U.S. Senator. Can he serve the people, his conscience, and his own interests? Panelists include Jeane Kirkpatrick, Senator Alan Simpson, Representative Barney Frank, and Peter Jennings and Jeff Greenfield of ABC News, among others.

4. Does Doctor Know Best?

The agonizing dilemma of a pregnant young woman who is diagnosed as having cancer serves as a case study for a discussion of patient autonomy and life-and-death decision-making. Among those participating are C. Everett Koop; Dr. Vincent DeVita, Director of the National Cancer Institute; Joseph A. Califano, former HEW Secretary; U.S.C. Professor of Law, Medicine, and Public Policy, Alexander Capron; and Boston Globe columnist Ellen Goodman.

5. Anatomy of a Corporate Takeover

The merger of two corporations, or the buyout of one by another, can raise serious ethical questions about a company's responsibility to shareholders, directors, investors, employees, and consumers. Among those analyzing a case study are Sir James Goldsmith, T. Boone Pickens, economist Lester Thurow, the CEOs of Borg-Warner and Goodyear, several corporate attorneys, and Senator Tim Wirth.

6. Under Orders, Under Fire (Pt. 1)

A soldier has a duty to serve his country, but does that mean following orders no matter what? This and other questions are explored by representatives of the media, clergy, and the military, including Generals David Jones, William Westmoreland, and Brent Scowcroft; the Reverend J. Bryan Hehir; and Peter Jennings and Mike Wallace.

7. Under Orders, Under Fire (Pt. 2)

In wartime, soldiers have been known to succumb to psychological pressures and commit acts of carnage. Is a chaplain required to

keep the confidence of a soldier who confesses an atrocity, or does military justice take precedence? Participants include Generals Jones, Westmoreland, and Scowcroft; the Rev. Bryan Hehir; and Chaplain Timothy Tatum of the U.S. Army War College.

8. Truth on Trial

Is a lawyer ever justified in lying, or "looking the other way," to protect a client? Is a lawyer's first responsibility to the court, the truth, the public -- or to the client? Debating such issues are Antonin Scalia, Robert Merhige, Tribune editor Robert Maynard, philosopher John Smith, and a number of attorneys.

9. The Human Experiment

How far should medical researchers go in their quest for cures for deadly diseases? Should volunteer subjects be put at risk? Is research hampered by competition for prizes and profits? Exploring the challenges are C. Everett Koop; Drs. Vincent DeVita and Frank Young; Antonin Scalia; Theodore Cooper, Chairman of the Upjohn Company; and Dr. Arnold Relman, editor of the New England Journal of Medicine.

10. Politics, Privacy and the Press

This program uses the hypothetical case of a senator preparing to run for the presidency to examine the role of the press and the limits of "the public's right to know." Panelists include Peter Jennings and Mike Wallace; R.W. Apple, chief Washington Correspondent for the New York Times; Katharine Graham, Chairman of The Washington Post Company; Jeane Kirkpatrick; Geraldine Ferraro; Alan Simpson; and Barney Frank.

Ethics in America is circulated by the Resource Service in the VHS (1/2") format. The hour-long episodes are available for \$3.00 each and are loaned for one-week periods. Borrowers must pay for insured return shipping, via UPS or first-class mail. To place an order or obtain further information contact:

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F I L M P O R T R A Y S B L A C K L E A D E R

Frederick Douglass: An American Life, an intimate thirty-minute video portrait of the famous nineteenth-century abolitionist and human rights advocate, is now available from the Foundation's Resource Service in the VHS (1/2") format.

Born a slave, and entirely self-educated, Douglass played an important role as orator, writer, newspaper publisher, and political leader in the struggle for emancipation of African-Americans and in the early movement for women's rights.

The film focuses on his private and family life, while tracing his public accomplishments. Highlights of the drama include reconstructions of Douglass's meetings with Harriet Tubman, John Brown, and Abraham Lincoln.

To reserve this program--which is available at \$3 per week--contact the Resource Service: (804) 924-6895.

## NURSING DILEMMAS EXPLORED

Of all health-care providers, nurses are the most directly and intimately involved with patient care on a day-to-day basis, and must often mediate between patients, their families, and doctors. In filling their roles, they frequently confront ethical dilemmas, some of which would have been inconceivable a few decades ago.

Code Gray: Ethical Dilemmas in Nursing -- newly available in the VHS (1/2") format through the Foundation's Resource Service -- is an award-winning, half-hour documentary that realistically portrays the stresses and conflicting moral obligations with which nurses must contend. Four sequences in the program -- which respectively involve the ethical principles of beneficence, autonomy, justice, and fidelity -- provide a stimulating starting-point for discussion. An in-depth discussion guide is also available.

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