



APA Code of Ethics Principles

The following are the  principles

1. **Beneficence** -it states that psychologists should contribute positively to their client's welfare. 
2. **Non-maleficence**- this principle states that psychologists should not cause harm to their clients (American Psychological Association, 2017).
3. **Autonomy**- the client, should be allowed the freedom of choice and act on their own values.
4. **Justice**- clients should be treated equally, and if a client is treated differently, then the psychologist should be able to offer a rationale for the treatment.
5. **Fidelity**- psychologist should have a relationship that is based on trust with the client.

The bolded principles are non-maleficence, autonomy, and fidelity. Non-maleficence is related to the case because when Professor Disclose contacted the campus security because she felt that the client was in danger and did not intend to cause any harm in the process (American Psychological Association, 2017). Autonomy means the freedom to make choices. The main issue is whether Professor Disclose should have left her client to make her decision without interfering by calling security. Fidelity comes up because Miss Bruised lacked trust in the counselor after learning her intervention.

The APA Code of Ethics Standards

The following are the ten standards:

1. **Resolving ethical issues**- when psychologists solve ethical issues, they should be guided by the APA code unless it conflicts with the law.
2. **Competence**- psychologists should make efforts to maintain competence at all times.

3. Human relations- psychologists should not discriminate clients.
4. **Privacy and confidentiality**- the client's privacy should be guaranteed and personal information should not be disclosed.
5. Advertising and Other Public Statements- psychologists should always avoid misrepresentation in advertising and public statements (Koocher & Keith-Spiegel, 2008).
6. Record Keeping and Fees- one is required to maintain up to date records of the client.
7. Education and Training- psychologists should ensure that the programs offer the appropriate knowledge in their education and training.
8. **Research and Publication**- the participants should give consent and not coerce individuals' participation.
9. Assessment- the assessment should be based on data collected and information gathered other than opinions and personal judgment.
10. Therapy- individuals should give consent during therapy.

The three bolded standards are related to the case study. The first one is competence, and the standard is related to whether the psychologist has the appropriate expertise and competence when providing services. The question in the case is whether Professor Disclose displays competence when informing the campus security that Miss Bruised's life was in danger because her boyfriend was a threat to her life. The second bolded standard is privacy and confidentiality (Koocher & Keith-Spiegel, 2008). When Bruised was opening up to Professor Disclose, she did so confidentially, and for this reason, she felt betrayed when the information was shared with the campus security. The third standard is related to the case when Professor Disclose informed the campus security about her boyfriend.

Statement of Culture and Social Orientations in the Case Study

The fear could have informed Ms. Bruised's behavior of being judged by her friends and classmates and the fear of betraying the love that she might have still felt for her boyfriend despite the pain that she has caused her. She feels that by informing the campus security about her boyfriend's danger and threats, she might lose him.



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