

A Road Map for Ethical Responses

Module 1

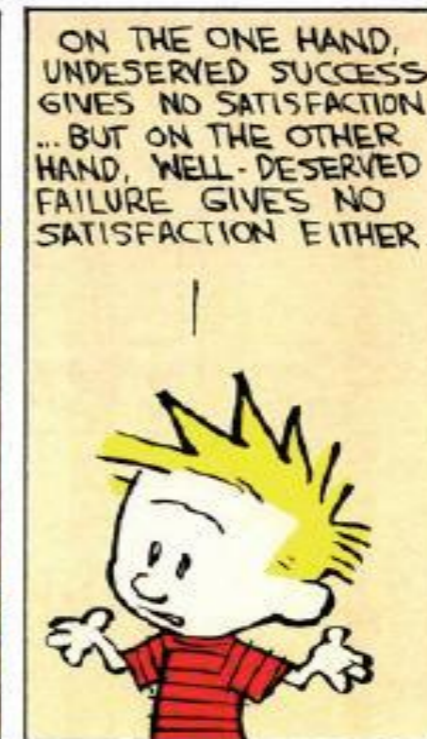
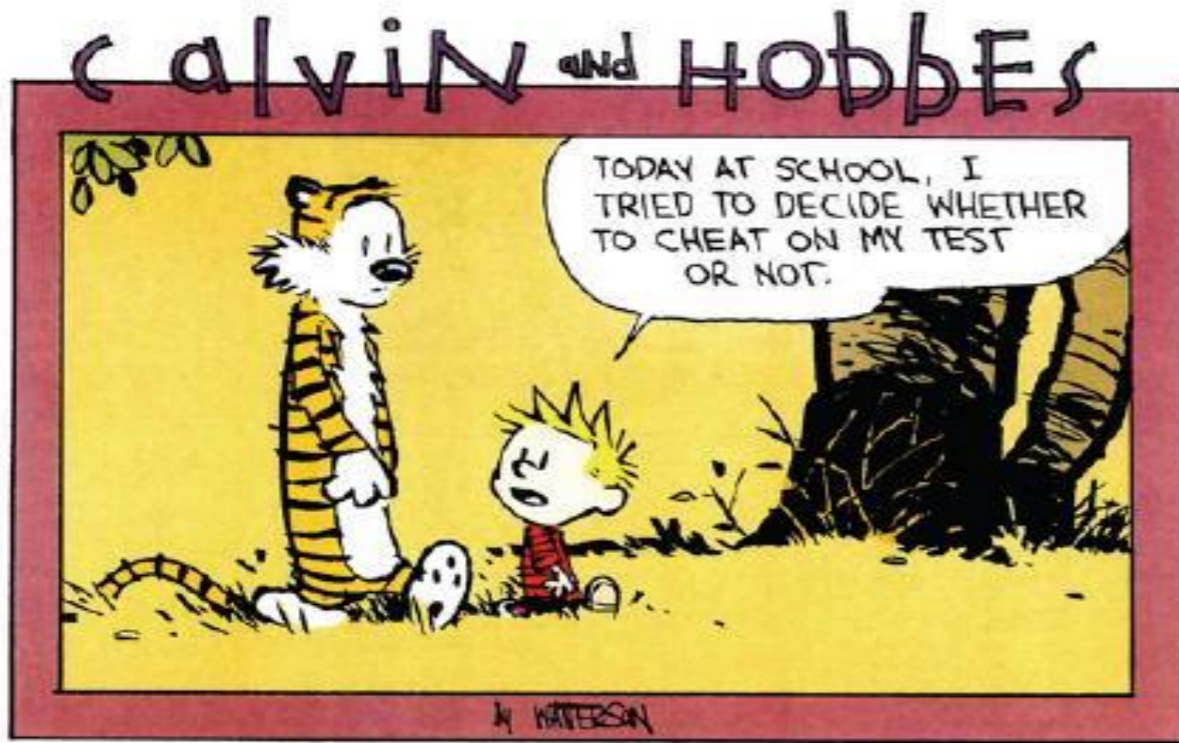
What are Ethics & Why do Values Matter?

Facilitated by Vicki Verge, MSW, RSW

Manitoba College
of Social Workers

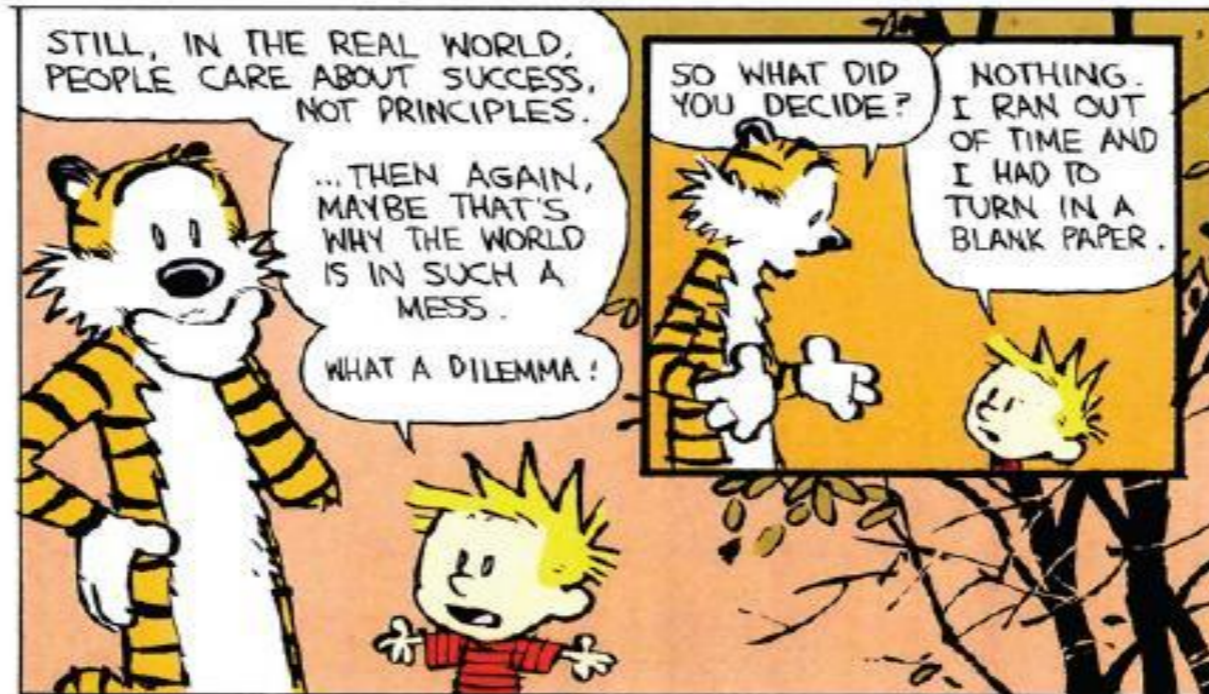


So What are ETHICS?



THEN I THOUGHT, LOOK, CHEATING ON ONE LITTLE TEST ISN'T SUCH A BIG DEAL. IT DOESN'T HURT ANYONE.

...BUT THEN I WONDERED IF I WAS JUST RATIONALIZING MY UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCE OF NOT STUDYING.



What are Values?

What are values?

Where do they come from?

Why are they important to ethics?

What values do you have that relate to social work?



Summary Ethics & Values

Which influences which?

Ethics

- ✓ moral principles
- ✓ Good, right, proper, honorable, virtuous
- ✓ Standards for behavior
- ✓ Ways in which we do, and should treat each other

Values

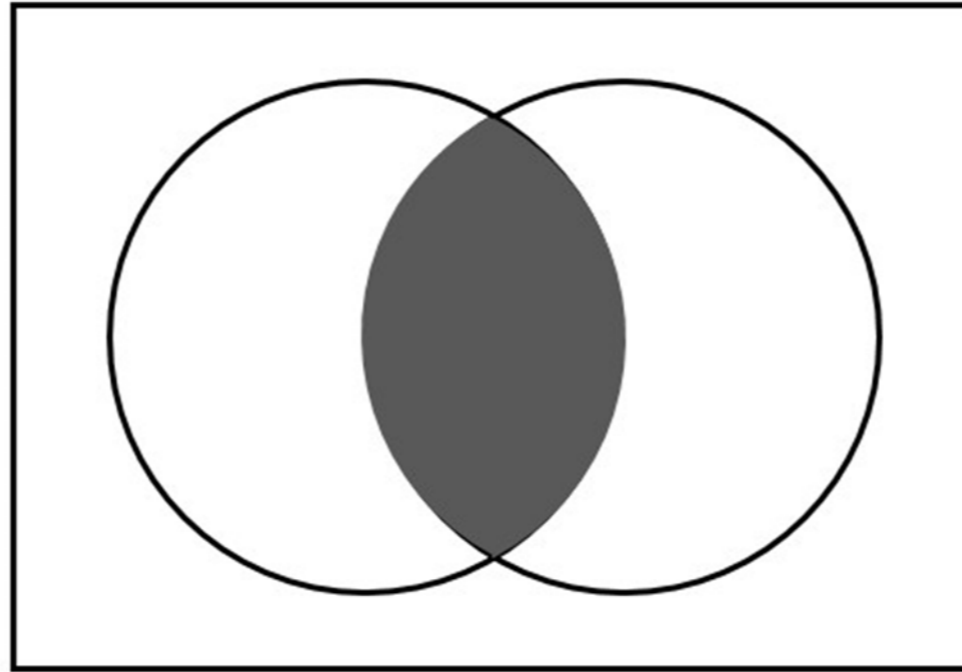
- ✓ Standards
- ✓ Beliefs
- ✓ Tenets
- ✓ Ideals
- ✓ unconscious



The “Right” Thing



The “Right” Thing



Stereotypes? What role do they play?

How it Works

- If a person has seen an orange basketball before, they have already placed this object into a basketball category consisting of certain characteristics; *it bounces, has a certain texture and groove, is spherical, and is orange.*

- If he or she then encounters a yellow basketball, that person might be able to still associate it with the category of basketballs based on its texture and shape.



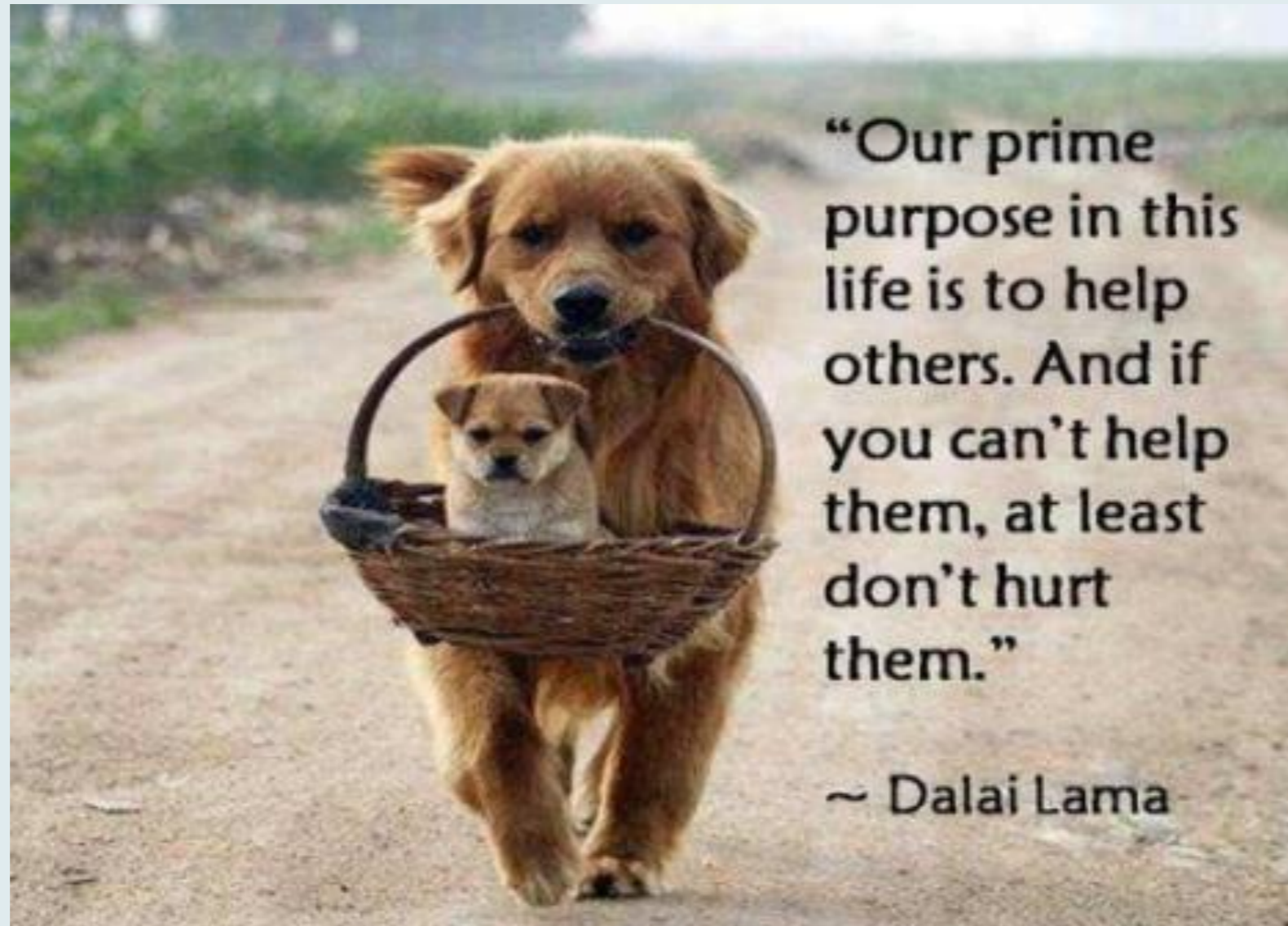
Ethical Theories



#1 Beneficence



#2 Non-Maleficence

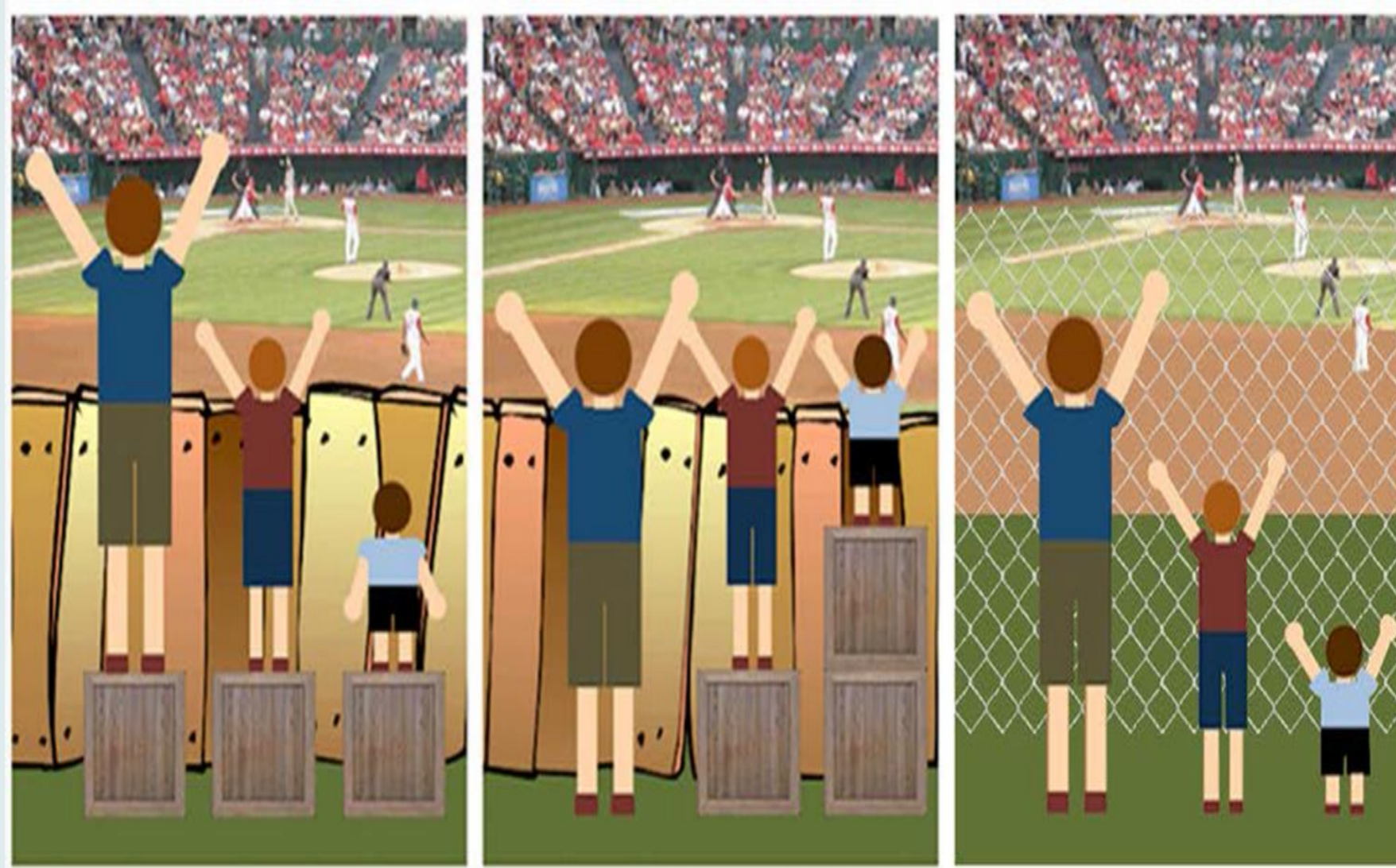


“Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can’t help them, at least don’t hurt them.”

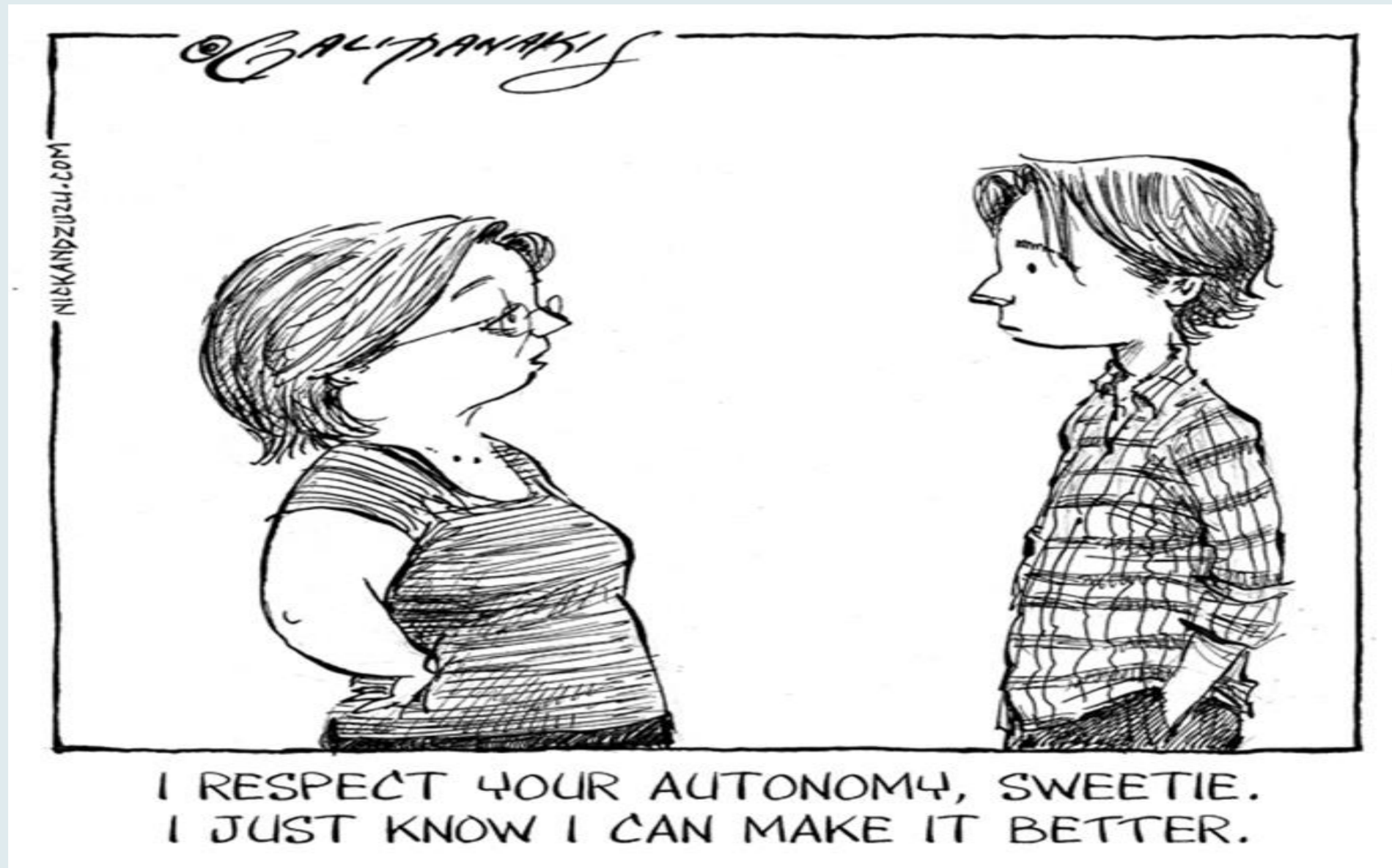
~ Dalai Lama



#3 Justice



#4 Autonomy



So?...what does this all have to do with you?

IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER ETHICS AND VALUES IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

How impacts our assessments and approaches to clients, interventions, planning

Need to know ourselves

How it relates to our standards and code



Questions & Answers

Manitoba
College of
Social
Workers



CASW **ACTS**
Canadian Association of Social Workers Association canadienne
des travailleuses et travailleurs sociaux

Module 1



Manitoba
College of
Social
Workers



CASW ACTS
Canadian Association of Social Workers / Association canadienne des travailleuses et travailleurs sociaux