



Interfaith Clergy & DPS Session #2

Mentimeter Results
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Dilemma

What values do you see in conflict with each other in the dilemma?

- the value of respect to authority would be one - if law enforcement is talking to one person everyone else should listen and sit still would be the expected value - yet there are other reasons to open a door than attack (illness/vomit)
- safety vs unprejudiced encounter
- Non-violence versus self-protection (for the officer). Non-violence versus property and community rights protection,
- Safety of officer vs safety of car occupants
- enforcing the law, while being safe
- The safety of the officer vs safety of the passengers.
- Safety of officer vs ascertaining whether the car is stolen
- Safety of officer and safety of passengers in the car.
- authority vs presumption of innocence
- Safety of officer vs. presumption of innocence
- safety of community and individuals; enforcing law
- assessing the situation from the perspective of the driver and the officer
- Safety and control. The value of catching someone who had possibly committed a crime with placing a value on keeping each human alive/unharmmed.

- Safety for both officer and driver/passengers vs enforcement of law
- The ability to prioritize what the legal issues are, and what the danger levels are.
- safety of all involved rather than prioritizing one life over another
- officer safety v. passenger safety
- safety versus following procedures
- The pretext start to the stop was thin. If there had not been a notice that it was potentially stolen, it seems in conflict with respect for the citizen.
- The safety for the officer seems in conflict with the citizens.
- Safety of officer vs safety of those in car. Public safety from car theft.
- 1. Safety of officer vs. rights of driver
- 2. factual information vs. perceived threat
- presumption of innocence; potential threat to police officer if the car is actually a stolen vehicle.
- Call it in get back up! Also make sure driver and passengers stay in the vehicle till her back up arrives
- Presumption of innocence of the people in the car vs. possible danger to officer.
- safety of individuals up against training and compliance of officer behavior.
- public safety vs individual rights
- Property is less important than life.
- The primary thing to focus on is protecting life. Not the crime.
- The value of human life over material goods, regardless of legalities
- How can we possibly determine the actual motive of people we encounter in a tense situation
- What lack is driving the thief?
- presumption of innocence vs safety of officer.
- Potential safety of puppy vs following law
- Driver intention v. passenger intention
- Value of property vs value of life. Value of animal vs value of human.
- safety of officer vs safety of drivers

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In what ways did your viewpoint change after your text study?

- My view point did not change - I did appreciate the information that opened up another way to

see things.

- emphasis on the responsibility of the householder to preserve life and the consequences if he/she doesn't
- There was not a notable change, however the time to reflect and connect with folks was good.
- The faith reading solidified my initial thought that the officer should be trained in the best way to deal with this perceived threat in a nonviolent manner
- Didn't change, but the text helped emphasize the principle of human life always being more valuable than property
- I'm not sure it changed a lot but it was a reminder that life is more important than property - and keep it in mind if the person runs.
- Human life more valuable than property
- It triggered thoughts of use of force. Killing is not appropriate but as enforcement struggles with use of force, is there a physical response that would be reasonable?
- Didn't change at all, but it did remind me that nothing, in this day and age, is "clear"
- Not necessarily changed but reminded me of the layers of complexity
- learning to de-escalate the situation
- At this point in scenario it didn't change — officer may protect herself. She can't use potentially lethal force to keep driver from fleeing.
- It did not change. People over property always.
- Officer safety vs. presumption of innocence
- Successfully solving a crime vs. citizen safety
- Racial implicit bias education vs. trust and confidence in police officers
- This is really challenging. I'm trying to get my head around facilitating this in
- Why do we assume the passenger has a gun?
- The text was a great reminder that people are more important than things. In our materialist society we need to keep this on the front burner.
- Reminded me keenly that life is the ultimate value, not property.
- The text expanded my thinking about the operating assumptions of the police officer in determining intent.
- I am not sure if there was a change in my position but I am thinking about how as a society we place things over people
- The text was a reminder that the value of human life is paramount over property, and several of

us mentioned the Dante Wright killing as an example of how policing went wrong

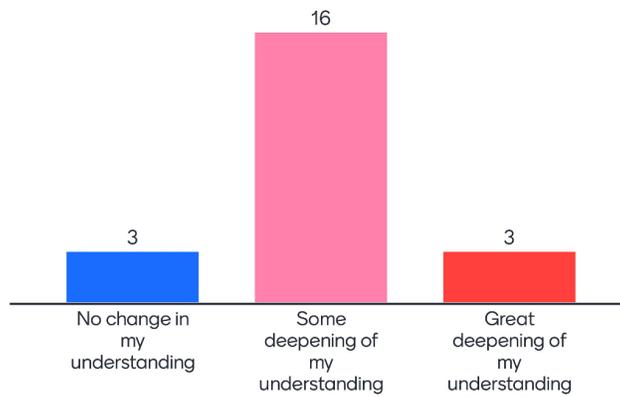
- It didn't change at all!
- The text clarifies the difficulty of determining intent and the precise level of danger. In the text the phrase is "if it is clear"...but in our scenario it's not!
- appreciated this passage.... puts some responsibility on the victim of a crime not to overreact. stand in the face of 'stand your ground' laws.
- Affirmed my viewpoint
- Did not change but it did not help us to discern the threat
- I feel that I need to understand more about the options for the officer and the threats to them.
- Group felt puppy was considered property
- Education of officers and the public
- Good reminder of the value of life and the need for training to emphasize that
- Values of seeing human need, human behavior in response to need vs enemy of the people. How do we equalize our places in society? I know it's a lot to ask in a "hot situation" but we can train ourselves to hold it present in our thoughts
- To me, it was unclear in the scenario whether the puppy was heard or seen, or whether there was any evidence that this was indeed the car with the puppy or a different stolen car. To me this information is critical in response

What values would you prioritize in this situation after engaging in the text study?

- respect of life - respect of other - respect of power
- compassion and non-violence
- Care of Life (both the officer and passengers) vs care of property
- Preservation of life is paramount
- Sanctity of life
- The most important is the value of life. I do also consider animal life though not at the same level.
- preserving human life
- mercy, curiosity, WWJD?, we are all criminals
- Human life

- Life sanity; assume neutral intent until more info
- Human life, both officer and occupants of car
- Safety of both officer and driver/passengers
- Your "right" to protect property in a capitalist society by any means necessary
- Human life v. property
- Life over stuff. Safety of all involved.
- I would slow everything down/deescalation. I would value the teens over the potentially stolen car.
- Protecting all life, Prioritizing life over property, Image of God
- care for all
- think before you act
- I thought the end of the text was powerful...if someone is running away, they're not a threat and killing them is forbidden!
- Value of human life the value of the presumption of innocence
- Value of human life over things.
- don't take away what you didn't create!
- Dressing/deescalating fear
- Due process
- When thinking about life, consider what should happen if the person runs.
- De-escalating the situation
- Reasoned action

To what extent did the scenario and session deepen your understanding of the challenges of public safety policies and practices?



How much do you agree or disagree: Faith-based values can inform public safety decisions and action?

