Master- Properties of the six types of guiding principle in society.

Table 22Ethical principles, which are needed to maintain a community, are dyadic authorities formed by conjoining two adjacent types of rule.<br/>A variety of ethical principles must be applied when making choices which might affect community security and cohesion (i.e. viability).<br/>Note that a wide variety of bodies may develop or promote principles of various sorts. See text for details and explanation.

Dyad No. (Levels)	Type of Principle	Function	Contribution to Community Viability	Type of Decision Requiring Ethical Guidance	Authority and Responsibility for Selection & Use	Theory/Discipline for Development & Analysis
1 (L"s 1&2)	Civility principle	To shape behaviour so that due respect for community members is always manifest.	Provides the basic mechanism for communal coexistence.	Handling informal aspects of inter-personal interactions.	Each person.	Social psychology
2 (L"s 2 & 3)	Social policy principle	To shape attitudes and organisations so that members' needs are met in society.	Bolsters the rationale for member participation in a community.	Handling interactions mediating personal needs.	Government.	Public administration Policy analysis
3 (L"s 3 & 4)	Ideological principle	To shape social institutions so that fair entitlements of classes of members are met.	Assists re-structuring of the community when required.	Whenever the status or power of a class of individual is affected.	Political parties.	Economics Sociology Social theory
4 (L"s 4 & 5)	Human right principle	To shape social constraints on members so as to protect their freedom as individuals.	Minimizes coercive control of community members.	Collective action seeking to benefit all or prevent harm by individuals.	Legislators, jurists, regulatory authorities, courts of human rights.	Political theory
5 (L"s 5 & 6)	Legal principle	To shape legal decisions so as to protect social institutions on which the community depends.	Maintains confidence in the legal system.	Disputes within courts of justice.	Judges, lawyers.	Jurisprudence
6 (L"s 6 & 7)	Natural justice principle	To shape the expression of fair play in society.	Maintains community spirit by minimizing feelings of injustice.	Creation and use of any social arrangement.	All members of society, and especially official authorities.	Natural law theories

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