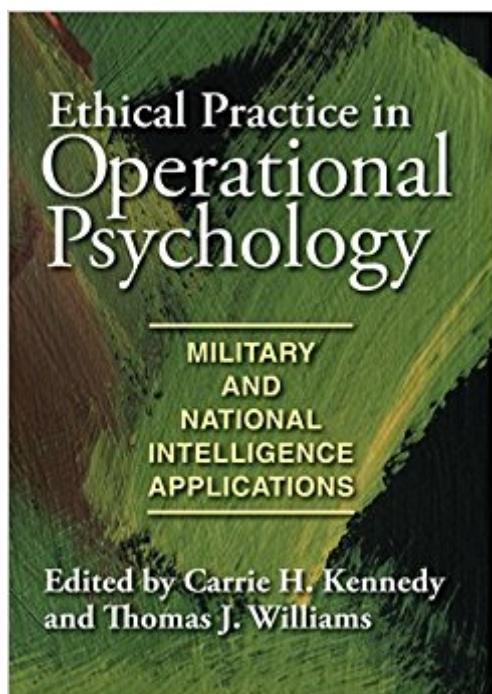


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# Ethical Practice In Operational Psychology: Military And National Intelligence Applications



## **Synopsis**

The field of operational psychology, and consequently its standards of practice, are evolving and expanding at a rapid pace. Now, more than ever, psychologists' expertise is employed on a day-to-day basis by members of the military and national intelligence communities. As psychologists' duties expand in these arenas, some definition of their roles and how these roles relate to professional ethical standards is necessary. *Ethical Practice in Operational Psychology: Military and National Intelligence Applications* offers guidance for those psychologists who are providing support to operational commanders; serving as consultants to interrogations of enemy combatants, suspected terrorists, or other criminals; or consulting on hostage negotiations among other things. This book integrates the requirements of the existing APA Ethics Code and the more recent Report of the American Psychological Association's Presidential Task Force on Psychological Ethics and National Security, with the limited professional literature in this field.

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Very well written with a variety of perspectives and extensive research on the emerging field of operational psychology. With current changes to the APA Code of Ethics, however, the sections regarding torture and interrogation will need to be updated. Much of the argument is around certain principles that have now been amended. Nonetheless, this book would still provide great background information, as well as perspectives outside of the APA.

The editor has delivered a concise but incredibly weighty book on ethics in this burgeoning subspecialty. Not only does the reader confront many of the unique challenges faced in this subspecialty, but there is tremendous coverage of the origins and scope of this practice area as well. The thoughtful coverage of many and varied ethical challenges also demonstrates the professionalism and diligence of those experienced in this field. This is a book for new and experienced alike and the one you should buy if you are only going to buy one.

This book explains what has been wrong with military psychology. It takes a dismissive tone towards serious ethical issues. It instructs psychologists to use the DOJ memo that declares torture to be legal. And it focuses on the discredited APA PENS report without any mention of the APA 2008 referendum. Newer editions of this book must instruct psychologists on when they should disobey orders, how to apply the Geneva conventions, and the real cost of dual allegiance. Unfortunately this book does not really support ethical practice and does not provide realistic help to young psychologists.

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