

# Ethical and Milgram's Obedience Study

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Since 1953, the American Psychological Association has had a "Code of Ethics" for its members, providing psychologists with a set of guidelines on how to practice psychology in an ethical manner. This includes conducting research.

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Do you think Milgram violated this requirement? Explain why or why not.</b>
<p>Psychologists must inform research participants of their right to decline to participate and to withdraw from the research once participation has begun.</p>	
<p>Psychologists must inform research participants about the factors that might affect their willingness to participate such as potential risks, discomfort, or adverse effects.</p>	
<p>Psychologists do not use deception unless they have determined that the scientific knowledge or educational value makes up for the use of deceptive techniques and that the study would not be effective without deception.</p>	
<p>Psychologists do not deceive potential participants about research that is reasonably expected to cause physical pain or severe emotional distress.</p>	

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If you were on the ethics committee at a college and a psychologist was asking your permission to do this study today, what would you say? Would you allow it? Why or why not?