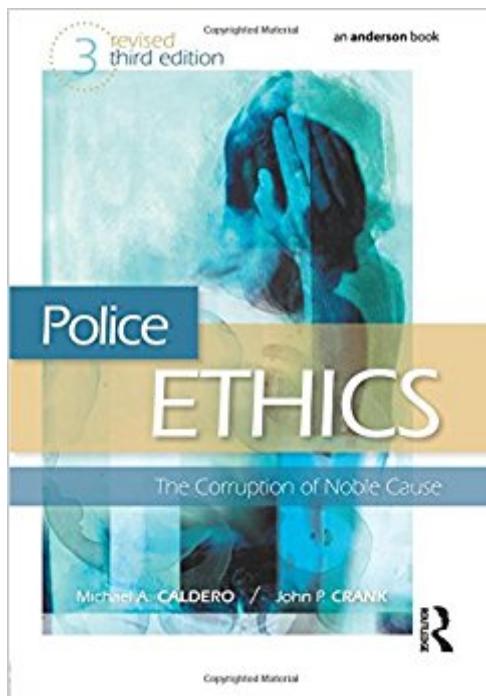


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# Police Ethics: The Corruption Of Noble Cause



## **Synopsis**

This book provides an examination of noble cause, how it emerges as a fundamental principle of police ethics and how it can provide the basis for corruption. The noble cause  $\neg\rightarrow$  a commitment to "doing something about bad people"  $\neg\rightarrow$  is a central "ends-based" police ethic that can be corrupted when officers violate the law on behalf of personally held moral values. This book is about the power that police use to do their work and how it can corrupt police at the individual and organizational levels. It provides students of policing with a realistic understanding of the kinds of problems they will confront in the practice of police work.

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Excellent for both law enforcement practitioners and academics. We in law enforcement deal with the myriad ways humans find to abuse and mistreat one another. Often there is no clear answer to

the issue or issues raised. The examples replicate some of the situations street cops, supervisors and administrators deal with. The text makes it clear there is a "slippery slope," and the first step on the "down escalator" makes the second and subsequent steps easier, and easier. Should be required reading/study material in each police training program, nation-wide.

I took a course taught by Caldero, and the book was very interesting and informative. I will say that unless you're intending to become an officer, the book probably has little to no application for you. It's not a general ethics book, but rather a text that focuses on the specific moral and ethical issues one encounters in the law enforcement profession. Also, Caldero is VERY seasoned. He started out on LAPD, transitioned to CHP (which he openly says is in his opinion, the worse law enforcement career there is), and retired after serving the DEA.

Thank you!

Outstanding. Thought provoking and mind opening. Not a boring policy classroom book.

One of the best books I've read throughout college. Interesting!

Very interesting points. If you are thinking about a profession in law enforcement. Mandatory read if you are in a police academy.

It's a great book. Learning a lot about the topic.

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