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- **Research Ethics**
 - **What are 'Ethics?'**

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- **Issues in Research Ethics**
 - **Voluntary Participation**
 - **No Harm to Subjects**
 - **Informed Consent**
 - **Anonymity/Confidentiality**
 - **Deception**
 - **Debriefing**

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- **The IRB**
 - "What is the Institutional Review Board (IRB)?"

"The IRB is the University of Georgia's committee that reviews and approves protocols for the use of human subjects in research. Federal regulations require that the IRB membership represent a variety of backgrounds, training and experience. At least one IRB member must have no formal or family connection with the University. At least one member must be a non-scientist."
 - "What are the responsibilities of the IRB?"

"The IRB reviews research protocols to ensure that the rights and welfare of subjects are protected and that the proposed use of human subjects is in compliance with Federal regulations, state laws, and the UGA policy."

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- Example of an Ethical Dilemma
 - *Tearoom Trade* (1970)
 - Ethical or Unethical?



- Research is Political
 - e.g.,
 - Study of Candidate Emergence
 - Study of 'Adult-Child Sex'