

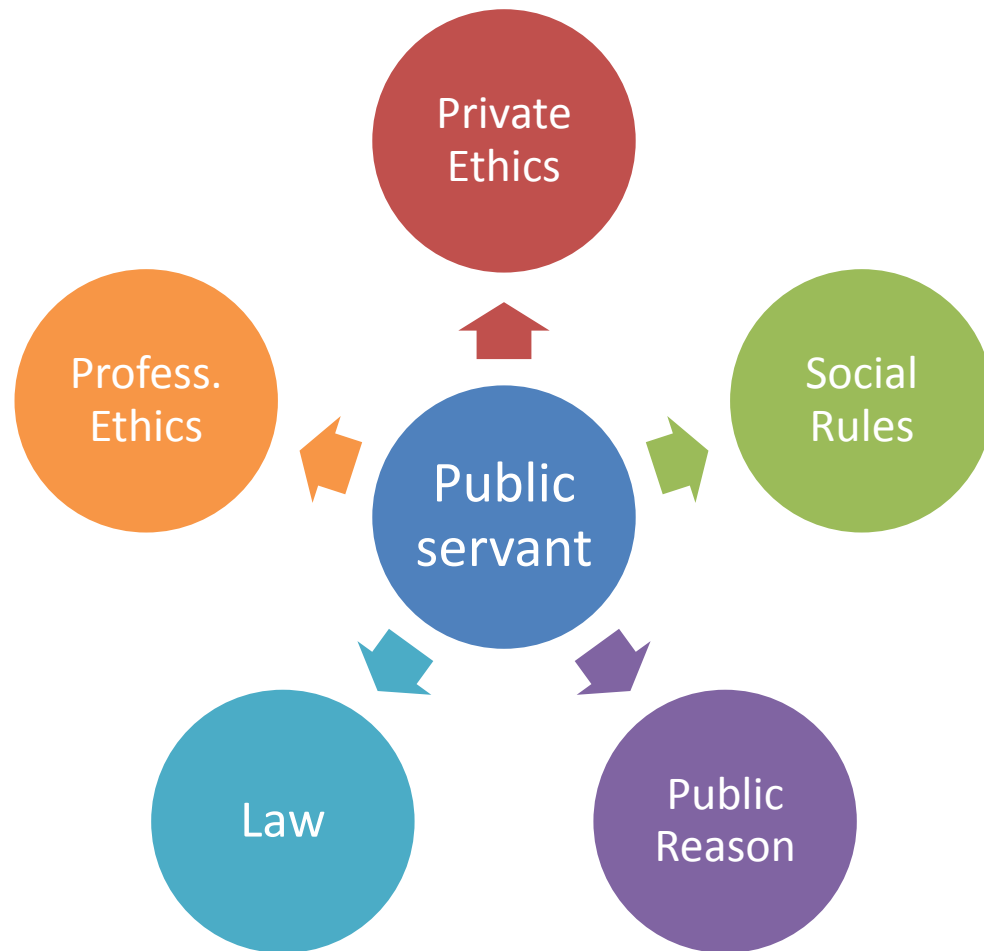
Ethic Codes & Public Office

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The Place of Public Ethics in the Normative Universe: the Deontic Force-Field in Pluralistic Societies.



Why professional (public) Ethics?

Reasons and functions of Ethical Codes.

Practical reasons.

- Guiding behaviour.
- Systematization.
- Resolution of conflicts.

Political reasons.

- Public confidence and legitimation of political system and public administration.
- Corruption.
- Economy.

Motivational reasons.

- Symbolic force.
- Ethical culture.
- Responsibility exoneration.

3. Ethic Codes and Codes of Conducts.

Ethic Code (or Value Declaration).

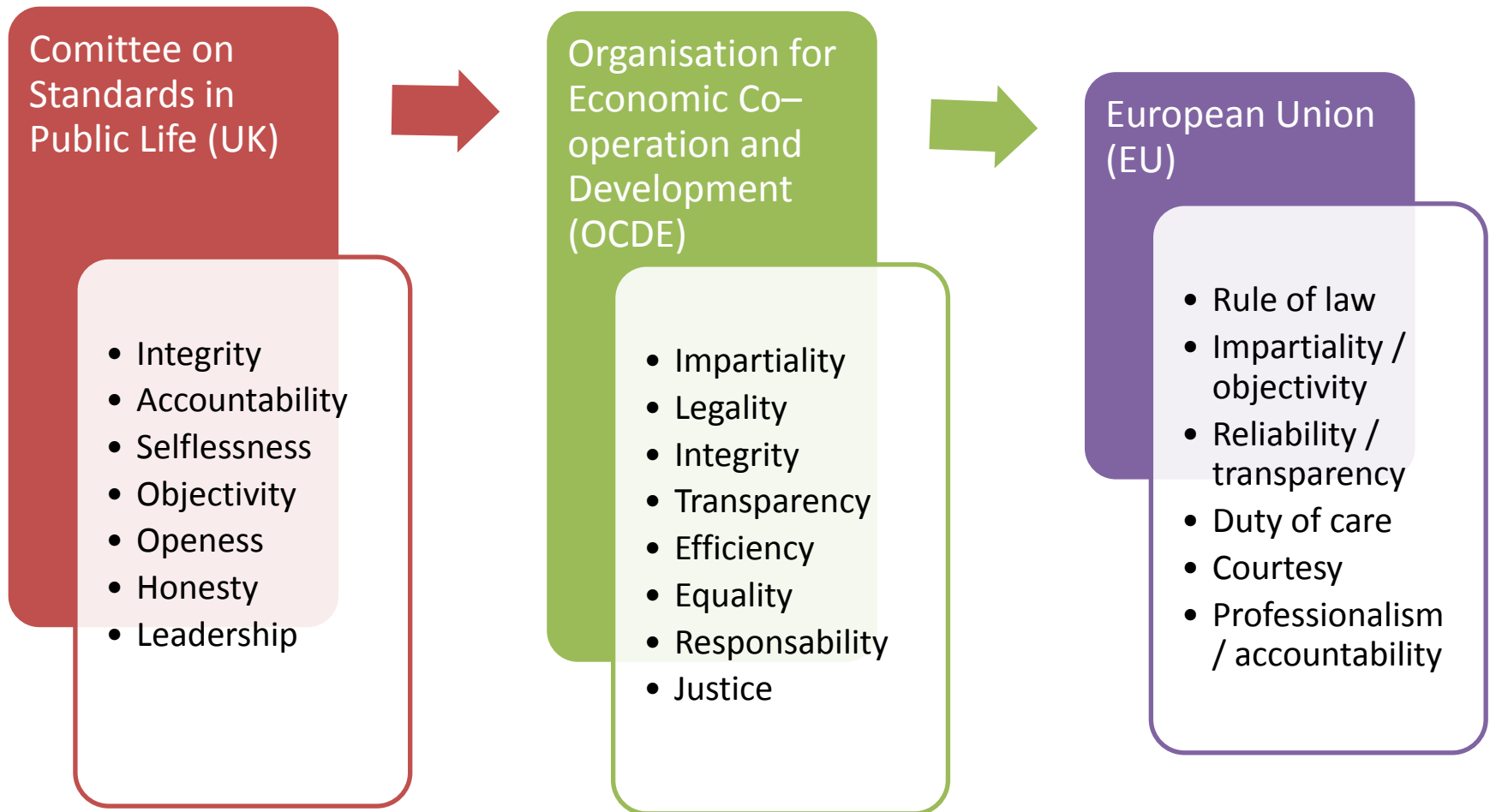
- Core values (excellence)
- Positive
- Unanticipated events & hard cases



Code of Conduct.

- Guidelines (rules)
- Prohibitions / Commands
- Prevent unethical behaviour

4. Public Ethic's core values.

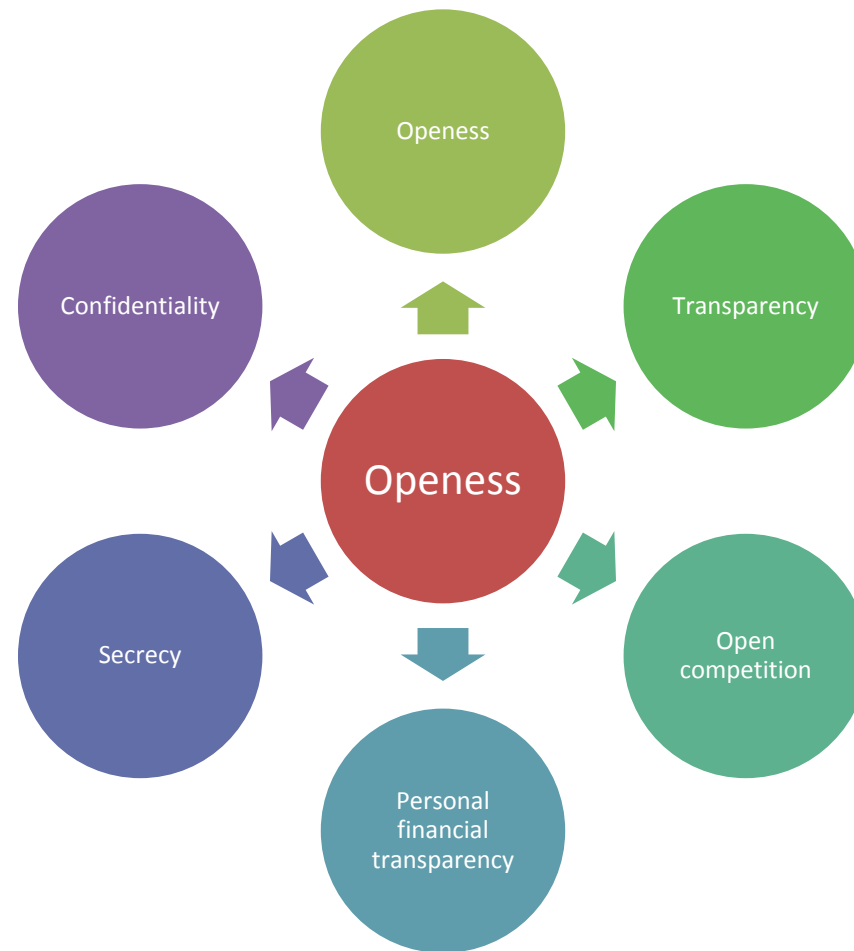


5. Classification of values: core value clusters.

(Rothstein & Sorak, 2017)

- ① Impartiality.
- ② Openness.
- ③ Integrity.
- ④ Legality.
- ⑤ Loyalty.
- ⑥ Equal treatment.
- ⑦ Reliability.
- ⑧ Service.
- ⑨ Professionalism.

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6. Public Ethics and the Law.

Constitution of the Philippines (1987).

Art. XI (Section 1):

Public office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives.

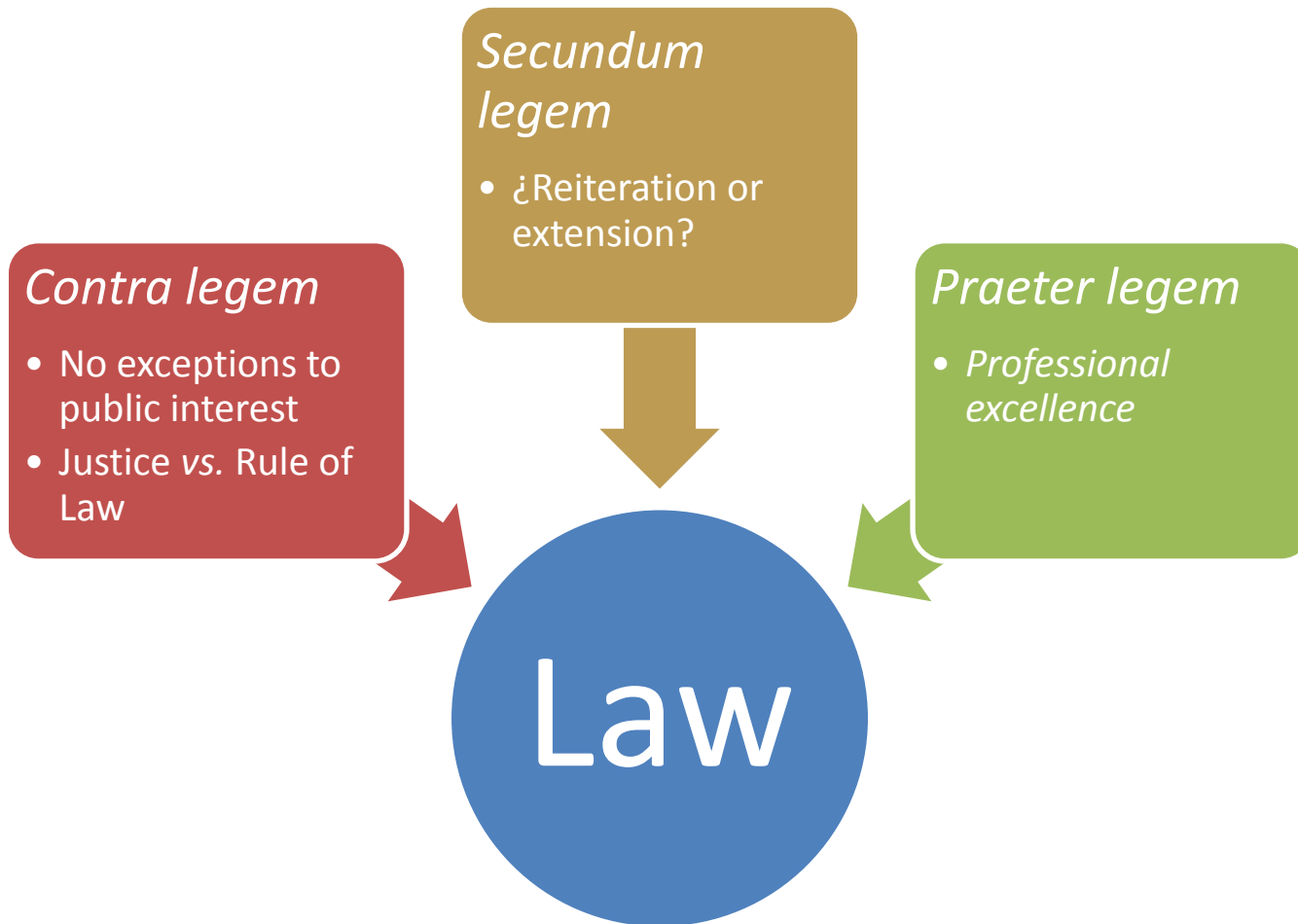
Constitución española (1978).

Art. 103:

1. La Administración Pública sirve con objetividad los intereses generales y actúa de acuerdo con los principios de eficacia, jerarquía, descentralización, desconcentración y coordinación, con sometimiento pleno a la ley y al Derecho.

3. La ley regulará el estatuto de los funcionarios públicos, el acceso a la función pública de acuerdo con los principios de mérito y capacidad (...) el sistema de incompatibilidades y las garantías para la imparcialidad en el ejercicio de sus funciones.

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7. Conclusions

❖ Reasons for skepticism

- Practical guidance?
- Risk of losing independence?

❖ Reasons for optimism

- Promote reflection and a critical approach to the model or ideal of public servant.
- Provides non legally coercive standards of excellence.