

# Chapter 4

# Marketing ethics



## Today

- Conscious marketing
- Ethical marketing decisions

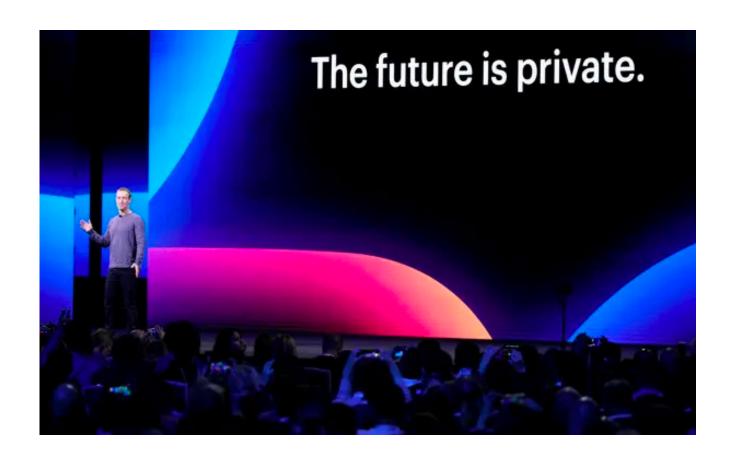


## Conscious marketing





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## The scope of marketing ethics

### **Business** ethics

 Moral and ethical dilemmas that can arise in a firm or business settings

### Marketing ethics

Ethical problems specific to marketing



### Marketing ethics

### Firms must decide what is more important, e.g.,

- Profit vs user privacy
- Environment vs increase production
- Deceptive/unethical advertising vs real promotion



### Research can help find alternative solutions!

- Create products using less resources
  - Adidas: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ph77V9015aU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ph77V9015aU</a>



## Apple

# Op-Ed Were the raw materials in your iPhone mined by children in inhumane conditions?



A customer compares a jet black iPhone 7, right, with her iPhone 6 at the Apple Store in Chicago, III. on Sept. 16, 2016. (Kiichiro Sato / Associated Press)



### Vitaminwater





## More unethical Marketing Practices

- Making false, exaggerated, or unverified claims
- Distortion of facts to mislead or confuse potential buyers
- Concealing dark sides or side effects of products or services
- Bad-mouthing rival products
- Using women as sex symbols for advertising
- Plagiarism
- Demeaning references to races, age, sex, or religion of marketing messages



## Creating an ethical climate in the workplace

### Values

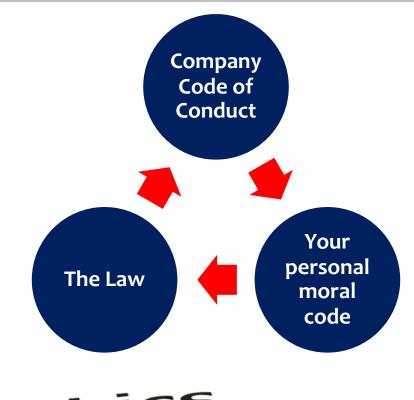
- Establish
- Share
- Understand

### Rules

- Management commitment
- Employee dedication

### Controls

- Reward
- Punishment







### American Marketing Association code of ethics

Generally accepted code in marketing

Flows from general norms of conduct to specific values

Subareas within marketing have their own code of ethics to deal with specific issues

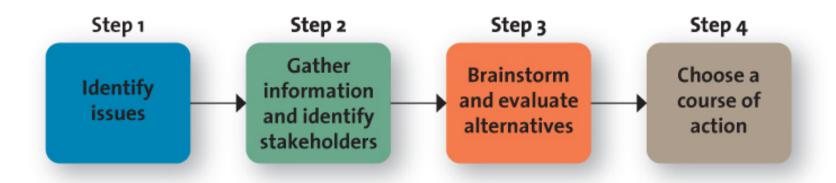
#### AMA Website:

http://www.marketingpower.com/AboutAMA/Pages/Statement of Ethics.aspx



### Ethical decision making

### A Framework for Ethical Decision Making



Critical in all situations that involve ethical decision making! Particularly in high-stress, high-pressure situations!