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# Building Ethics in Public Administration-A Comprehensive Review

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### ABSTRACT

*The current world has seen an increase in interest in the areas related to the ethics of the sovereign good. A number of studies have focused on this subject matter and several academicians. They have exposed a number of ethical and philosophical dilemmas related to the concept of ethics in public administration. Despite the increasing number of studies that have focused on the importance of administrative ethics, there has been very little effort spent on identifying what exactly constitutes the crux of ethics in administration. The objective of this paper is to review the implications of the basic factors of ethics for public-administration in the context of new public-governance. It also discusses their impact on different administration imperatives which in turn act as the determinants of ethics in public-administration. Apart from this various ethical and public administration models have been proposed and discussed. This review also focuses on the importance of ethics in new governance practices with reference to the push and pull of ethics and administration. It also focuses on how ethics mindsets and basic methods to management and administration can be reviewed under the umbrella of ethics.*

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## INTRODUCTION

### 1. Introduction

From the time when the 1970s there has been a countless contract of alteration related with the application of managerial ethics. These modifications have been endorsed by the idea of public administration in the fresh time. An significant location is assumed to the idea of proper matters in know a day's public authority. There has been a abundant contract of study related with this idea which has been reinforced by conversion of indications and philosophies into rehearsal from countries to countries Frederickson and Ghore (2005) discuss both the administrative and separate/ethical scopes of moral performance as well as fresh tasks to managerial morals modeled by Worldwide.

As supported by Cooper (2001) ethics in community management is not a brief idea but has established to be an method which has exposed a countless contract of sustainability which is important to the part of community management.

Community management has different problems with favor to morals application and discoveries it difficult to arise to terms with them. One cause for this is because ethics is entrenched in a knowledgeable outline. This outline is founded on steady official as well as part association heights, amongst together community staffs as well as the group.

Recently administration perceptions consider that clearness and constancy at these heights would be problematic. Despite the cumulative figure of educations that have absorbed on the position of managerial morals, there has been very slight exertion consumed on classifying what is precisely the root of morals in management (Cooper, 2004). This lack of absorbed investigation in the subtleties of processes with respects to morals in community management along with continuous modifications in the ethics and strategies related with managerial morals essential to be inspected. These growths have elevated new themes for anxiety in this field. One example which can be quoted at this stage is the appearance of the idea of electronic power which would need the papers of a entire new example of ethics in public-administration.

This paper tries to classify the habits in which managerial strategies in public administrations can be endorsed and achieved by accepting an real and original moral method. It would be judicious to reference the “ethics outline” now. The ethics outline is a volunteer, no officially required Russian Program of Ethics. It reproduces the basic mutual standards and ethics which affiliate conditions reflect significant for the correct operative of community facility. It lengthily deliberates the overall essential standards, exact values of behavior, movements to not dangerous- protector honesty and trials on treatment circumstances where there has been likely defilement of morals. It assistances to construction the conversation on public-service ethics and it helps as a toolkit or common advice for the growth of ciphers of conduct at a nationwide and sub-nationwide level.

Firstly, the ethics basis classifies overall essential standards that should be shared to all associate conditions. These standards are the rule of law, neutrality/ impartiality, transparency, responsibility, professionalism, dependability and politeness. If it is supposed that these are the essential standards, then they should be completely documented in all nation.

Community facility morals are a difficult that is occupied extremely in all associate national of the United Nation. Though, associate situations are at dissimilar phases of growth and actions that are measured essential in one nation may be thought immaterial in others. The morals outline has had a superior influence on those fresh fellow conditions that are presently aggressive in contradiction of dishonesty. In the circumstance of ancient fellow conditions, the Frame- effort has had lesser influence meanwhile the essential standards have usually been an essential portion of their organizational philosophy and several of the gears future in the Outline were previously in usage.

## **2. UPDATED PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND ETHICS**

Internationally the idea of denationalization has been endorsed in updated public administration. It is understood that this idea is linked to the procedures which endorse founding of competence and effectiveness leading to growth of excellence release of community facilities. In the study lead by Savas, (2000), the idea of “denationalization in update community administration”, is endorsed. Additional recognized by Walsh et al, (1997) outline of new market mechanisms which endorse real application of community facilities in administrations is recognized. Walsh in his study has recognized that denationalization in power in the United Kingdom has caused in a new example, which has endorsed alteration of equally administrative and traditional wants. The purpose of these improvements comprise discount of price connecting to the movements of the administrations, credentials of actions to decrease the straight influence of act of community staffs and transporting about a difference in the general views of the administration by the public.

This kind of denationalization move not only dared the present realisms related with ethics in public administration, where in managers were measured as practical specialists, but also recognized the kind of operative that does not takings into justification good ruling on the part of staffs. So, intellectual advocates of the ethical viewpoint were answerable for the first notable technique of public administrators’ ethical duties and the rank of nationwide influence in administrative selections (Cooper, 2004).

## **3. RECYCLING OF ADMINISTRATION APPROCH:**

As seen by Osborne and Gaebler, (1992), it is observed that reinventing the administration expected position in Bill Clinton’s management. In his time, update ideas of public administration with respects of dual diverse parts were endorsed. The major, complicated papers of issues which endorsed the output of authority and another elaborated setting a new revelation and mission plan. It was offered that the efficiency of authority can be better by accepting more proper actions in relations of differentiating among the consequences and quantity of capitals used. The use of a new assignment rule will content the wants of the overall community.

These methods may be recognized to be less radical when associated to the idea of denationalization of administrative groups. However this knowledge can be endorsed and efficiency improved only when there is a modification in approach towards present ideas of recognized grading in Administration. A change must be complete to elevation of approaches to classify elasticity, control and attention of public administration characteristics. These characteristics may be measured to be an middle clarification to denationalization. If it is not probable, designation tools can be a clarification.

By honor to the right situation, the researcher supporters that denationalization may not change the point that the task of the national to its nations will be encountered. Dissimilar procedures which are to be oversaw and skillful need to be understood by the administration because eventually the responsibility and morals of the action of the administration to its nations is wanted.

The possibility and answerabilities of public administration changed due to the undercurrents of updated public administration structures such as denationalization, devolution, DE-bureaucratization and national partnership that are basically new public administration methods and performs drawn mostly from the secluded subdivision and progressively seen as a worldwide marvel. These ideas change the emphasis from old-style public administration to updated public administration which given morals a dominant post. The determination of community facility is to fundamentally fulfill a national’s elementary necessities. Rocha, (2000), identifies that organization calling for expert administration of public administration

discuss that they are more well-organized and operational than the current outline. They call for contravention depressed big organizations into wieldy centers, thus allowing for self-governing working portion of the new financial official model.

Figure 1 is the integration of administration business and client. It depicts that business (B) is being controlled by the administration (A) which is called B2A. Moreover, client (C) is also being controlled by administration (A). Client and business are mutually inclusive with each other with respect to connection and correspondence. A2A, B2B and C2C are mutually connected and responsive to each other according to Figure 1. The cycle in Figure 1 also shows ethical views and conception within the circle. The ethical network begins from norms which leads to terminology called “Norms and Goods” which finally leads to ‘Norms, Goods and Virtues’. These have been categorized by three different approaches which is called (i) Deontological approach (ii) Integrity approach (iii) Excellence approach. Conception of ethics is more elaborated by (i) Pro-Active (ii) Constrictive (iii) Commitment. This all constitute the conception of ethics. This model gives the perception of public administration model which is totally perpetuated by the ethical values and paradigms.

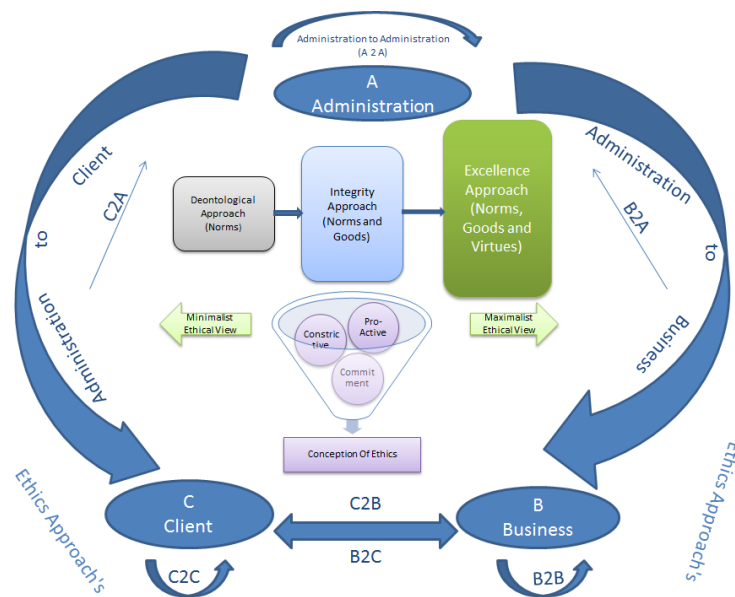


Figure 1. Proposed Public Administration Model

**4. ETHICS: THE UPRASIL OF ETHICAL RATIONAL ABOUT ETHICS**

Snell (1976) has preserved that it was Socrates, the inventor of ethical attitude who asked into the countryside of morals as his opinions led him to the internal one rather than the outside corporeal issues in five BC. Morality’s excellent of decent and complete ethics was a accepted means of emerging a robust moral fiber.

Socrates also touched that information and ethics were unified and one could not be ethical if one did not know what ethics were and what was respectable for manhood. Thus, he supposed of virtue as being the core of information and logical that asset was awareness. The whole believed and achievement then had to originate from the information of what was worthy or ruthless and before, be arbitrated by moral and ethical values. This would then lead to factual contentment.

Socrates’ opinions also touched the collective gentleman through dissertations and discussions, and penetrating discussions, which continually explored, interrogated and therefore, suggested responses and visions while challenging his opinions and philosophies over his currently well-known discussions. He touched continuous meeting with the problems of asset. He supposed that ethics would make persons improved as they would attention additional on their individual ethical values. (Vlastos,1991)

**5.FACTORS OF MORALS IN PUBLIC-ADMINISTRATION:**

The main factors of Public-administration conduct in the community division comprise:

- 5.1.1 The politically concept of which public-administrators are a portion
- 5.1.2 The legislative outline;

**5.1.3** The administration and public-employees that is responsible for the establishment of community facilities.

**5.1.4** The nations and managers of public facilities that are a part of the public civilization.

The progressive set of important factors or principles that assimilate the procedure of allocating with ethical dilemmas in public-administration are:

**5.2.1** Democratically accountability of administration,

**5.2.2** The law of rule and the factors of authority,

**5.2.3** Specialized honesty.

**5.2.4** Receptiveness to public culture.

The researcher feels that this type of interdependence and connection will help individual among many ideas of morals in public-administration. These will also support spread ethically and efficiently the next four useful ideas:

**5.3.1** Answerability of civil government which classifies the connection among authentic movements and its relation to government.

**5.3.2** The law of rule and authority where in public-administration must be administered by the act.

**5.3.3** Thoughts of specialized honesty and independence amongst public-administrators which will eventually assist endorsing the factors of meritocracy.

**5.3.4** Thoughts of accountability and instant action of public-administration to its nations.

Thus, the artful request of such a set of moral instructions in real circumstances and conditions will tolerate observer to the specific kind of moral thinking that an exact managerial organization or public organization is capable to accomplish and bear.

**6. CRITERIA OF MORALS:**

It is significant to focus on the dual principal models (ethics of the independ good and ethics of the sovereign good) that are complicated with moral opinions and movements within the community subdivisions. Moreover, we will also liken and differentiate them with the cooperative morals that were stated above. It has to be reserved in attention that we are not taking any specific or particular method but rather will be taking the modern sympathetic of might be called “vulgar-Kantianism” or a “vulgar-utilitarianism” (Harmon, 2005).

The Figure 2 represents a generic proposed ethical cycle. The main crux of the model lies in the Politics and administration. The main purpose is to identify and explore the organization and administrative problem. After identifying the problem a policy is being developed by administrators and politicians. A political decision is taken in the perspective of the above analysis. Decision making is followed by implementation and evaluation. The implementation and evaluation leads to the results. All the above function is revolved by the four ethical factors i.e. (i) Ethical Behavior (ii) Ethical Awareness (iii) ethical Judgment (iv) Ethical Intention. The upper ethical cycle on political and administrative function plays a vital role in mending the internal administrative cycle.

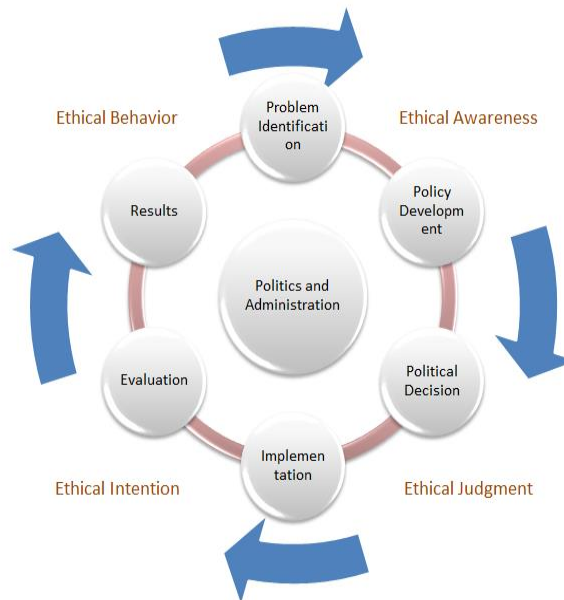


Figure 2. Generic Proposed Ethical Cycles

### **7.ETHICS OF THE SOVEREIGN-GOOD:**

The ethics of the sovereign-good is nothing but the usual of strategies founded on which an separate performances. The ethics of the sovereign-good is recognized to be an established of standards from which the different opinions on 'what is good' can be arbitrated. It can be usually understood in actual world situations that a lot of persons have different types of the similar moral ideas. People attempt to rotation the idea to appropriate their wants founded on their beginning of the good. So it is significant to classify the view-point that grips the correct soul of the moral strategies.

Michael, (2005, 2003) creates a convincing quarrel in "The public-administration", with respects to the morals of the sovereign-good. Agreeing to Michael it can be called 'principled-morality'. In his quarrel he meetings about why one should not performance on the criteria set by the morals of the sovereign-good. A significant aim is the matter of opposite criteria. According to Michael not all clashes can be determined by founding it on the morals that are contributed in the sovereign-good. This is because ethics does not take into explanation a huge amount of variables that other criteria apply to that specific situation.

The most important issue with the ethics of the sovereign-good is the detail that it mentions to itself as the absolute previous term when it arises to moral conclusions. Additional matter is that it inclines to undertake an approach that is raw-linguistic positivism. One aim why the ethic of the sovereign good is so appealing that it tends to transcend beyond the separate and appearances at the better shared when it originates to important proper ethics. So it will not resolve the separate matters but will rather principal us into unrecognized and incredible emporia.

### **8.ANSWERABILITY CONSTRAINTS:**

The difference amongst government and management, which procedures one of the most definitive policies of update political-science and public-administration (Easton, 1953), means not individual their separation of purposes and their physical distinction but also the subservience of the latter to the former. This watercourse of thought also feels that politicians are higher to administration and that the government controls the organizational mechanism. Administrators are faithful to their ministers and ministers are faithful to the parliament, which is faithful to the publics as they are their nationals. Thus these 'National representatives' hold the administration answerable in the interests of the overall community.

Ministers are answerable to the Assembly and not to government employees and hence Government employees have to perform as per the instructions of their minister's whether they are in agreement or not as long as the rule is not avoided or broke. Subordination of government employee to voted legislative body that performance as policy and Law-makers a sine qua non precondition of democratic politics.

When the government and management appropriates control, which does not fit to it; the government (forces or civil) arrives the political field, challenges symbolic democracy and subjugates policy makers and administration to its personal interests and orders.

In consequence, it falls upon the government employees to work industriously under the parliament as these legislatures in point of fact reproduce the will of the persons. They also have to apply significant limitation in biased government and while conveying their individual sentiments.

### **9.LEGISLATIVE CONSTRAINTS:**

Bureaucrats have to respect the legal outline and performance within its limits thus interpretation all administration acts appropriate. Act is a worldwide model in equally government and civilization. (Reichstadt, Etat de Droit). Max Weber understands the act of a national within the rule as the third method of legitimizing expert with the other two existence, personality and custom.

Once the management doing the whole thing within the territory of the law, it automatically sets forward for himself a sequence of panels and rules. Authority movements from the persons and thus all control must be used for the good of the persons, a central obligation of most democratic compositions. Administrations and managements consequently have no excellent but to effort within the lawful outline. Therefore, the method of judges (Qazi) implements these rules which are there to eventually help the person's procedures the essential of the lawful causes.

Brown and Duguid, (2000) state that judges certify that the rule will be followed through the release of community responsibility and that no injustice or favoritism will do and that authority will not be ill-treated. Continuous watching and defense of the rule has to be an importance if managerial improvements are to take place. Even Aristotle mentioned that the law must be highest in the judgments of the persons and should function without any interfering.

### **10. UPDATED ETHICAL METHOD:**

Denhardt and Denhardt, (2002) say that public-administrators impact, and are prejudiced by, all of the competing values and favorites of the multifaceted authority method. These variables not only effect, and are prejudiced by, public-

administrators; they also signify opinions of answerability. They plead for a “new public service” instead of “new public management” under the slogan “serving rather than navigation.” Maesschalk, (2001)

Figure 3 describes the new civil service methodology as a feasible third alternative to the observed opposition among “the old public-administration” and “the new public-administration,” disbursing substantial consideration to the enlargement of a new ethic for public-administration. The new public-administration writers mainly joint the traditional collection in their negative valuation of the ethical consequences of NPM (new public management) reforms. They propose new mechanisms in which “the primary role of the public servant is to help citizens to articulate and meet their shared interests rather than to attempt to control or steer society.” The old public administration is the traditional way of administration which leads to injustices and lack of administration. The new public administration is the innovative way of administration which constitutes ethics. The ethics is being controlled by society. The society further elaborated by parliament and bureaucrats and civil servant s and public.

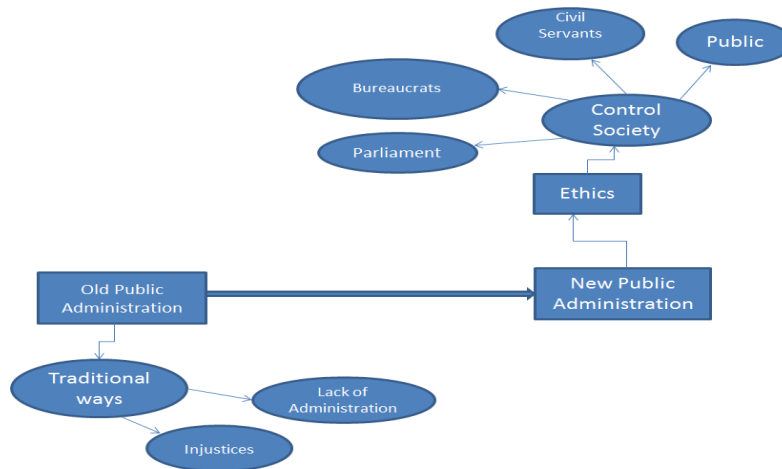


Figure 3. Proposed Hierarchical and Transitional Ethical Model

## 11. ADMINISTRATION OF MORALS

The information of morals is visibly reliant on exposed political want. In this way there is sufficient possibility to start a complete ethical principal in a comprehensive, prepared style. Stand-alone steps are of no use. By developing convinced devices for ethical operative, one can deliver answers for battle of morals, problems, and other situations. It is also obliging to inspire the development of tools and methods which can forecast problems connected to morals and helpful to suggest answers in a additional friendly style.

Naturally, the elementary code and goal of well-intentioned managements are, rendering to Aristotle, to familiarize nations and public employees to the inculcation of asset. This is authenticated by the proceedings in conditions, for rule creators who would nations to act correctly by coaching decent ways in them. It is the wish of each law creator and as for those who cannot prosper; this is what differentiates an actual polity from a bad one.

Aristotle is of the opinion that the key part of the administrator is to assist ethical literateness for nations. so, he or she will necessity a ration of consciousness, information of asset, and that caring of consciousness can only originate finished a continuous mission and question about belongings and performances. Ethics is essentially about interrogative. This is the key benefit of social lifetime new it is an undeserving lifetime. Life which has not been bare to examinations is intolerable to (Umans) said Socrates, in his excellent Regret.

The Figure 4 is another advance public administration model which is specially deals with supervising systems, official socialization, outlining managerial tasks, effective communication, establish of whistle-blowing mechanism and instruments for answerability. The purpose of this model is to an ethical accountability model for an organization which leads to audit and effective supervision mechanism.



Figure 4. Proposed Ethical Public Administration Model

Figure 5 depicts about the proposed integrated model of personal ethics and professional ethics. It is basic that there is a conventional track to follow in trying to stable professional and communal responsibility. Together features are significant but we distinguish that numerous issues do production a part in attaining this equilibrium. As visually labeled in the drawing below, in instruction to attain ‘success’ we have to differentiate the end goals of commercial model and that of communal model in relative to private and professional ethics.

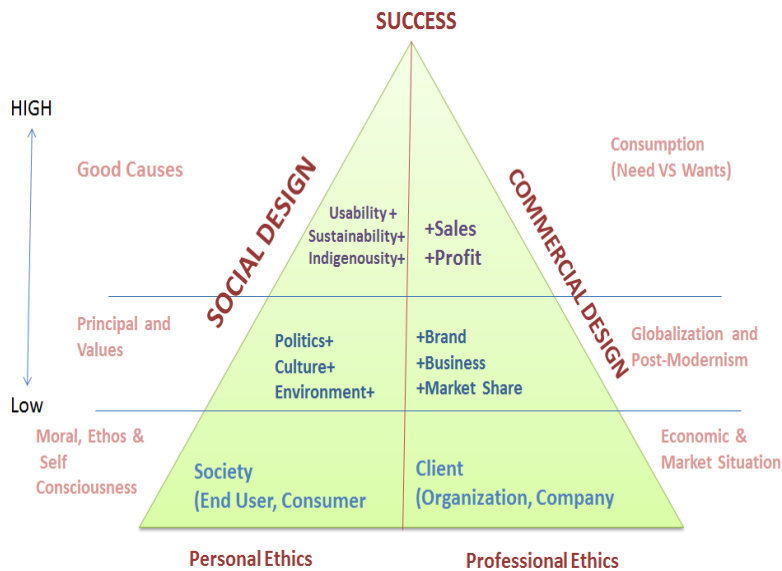


Figure 5. Integrated Public Administration Ethical Model in Perspective of Society

**12. Lessons Learnt**

The administration without ethical models is considered to be handicapped public administration. It is considered as a kind of ineffective administration and a shape of barbarism. The vitality and happiness of people lies in the good governance and public satisfaction level. Ethics is the spirit of public administration. If an administrator wants to rule the hearts rather than bodies, he needs to implement the proposed ethical models in his administration to win the heart and minds of people. Moreover, ethics in administration leads the civil servants and the public to admiration, prosperity and self-security. Injustices

are eliminated automatically by inculcating the ethical models in the public administration hierarchy. This model is not pertaining to a specific country or nation or organization but it gives a generic model to any organization worldwide. This is a common rule of ethics not to differentiate public with respect to race, gender, nationality and ethnics, norms, culture, values, tradition etc. The ethical models spans around human rather than the costumes of racism. The involvement of ethics in public administration leads to the long life of public administration which in returns yields productive and effective results of sovereign good.

### **13. Future Directions**

Having reviewed the paper it came to know that a qualitative survey on social level and commercial level should be conducted to see the ethical level of social and commercial aspects. The qualitative serve will measure and improve the ethical level in different governmental and non-governmental organization in Saudi Arabia specifically and Middle East generally.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

Smooth previous to the near of the twentieth century, it was seeming that conditions, administrations, and community objects were offering into an age of modification. A variety of comparisons between politics, economy, culture, and civil society is the root cause of advance research on more efforts and reformation of the accountabilities of the government and those of the communal facilities with respect to the culture and commerce. The development for ethical enhancement in the public sector tosses up massive queries affecting the feature of law, democracy, inspiration and morals in the public field, and the administration correspondence with common public.

The basic aim of this paper was to present model to have harmonious and ethical relation between society and commerce. Ethical reasoning in proposed models depicts reciprocally importance value dilemmas into improvable and solvable public matters with respect to ethics. Thus innovation and alteration in public administration is not just pertinent to civil society. It is also related to civil service and public administration in numeral methods mutually for local administration as well as international administration. When a decision is made in public administration flexibility in ethics must be made to have a fair and appropriate decision which best fits to public. So, it means public administration is fulfilling the needs of public according to the rules of morality and ethics so that hard and fast decision could not ruin the inner of common people. The last but not the least it is concluded that midway between public administration and ethics can bring optimal public administration which is need of the day.

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