

Ethical issues

Fully informed consent, avoidance of deception and the participant's rights to withdraw at any point are very important features of ethical research.

Social sensitive researches can have consequences for people not directly involved in the experiment

What is ethically more acceptable depends on the scientific value of the experiment.

Other issues that must be addressed:

- aims and objectives of the research
- informed consent openness and honesty
- confidentiality and anonymity
- protection from harm
- briefing and debriefing

Debrief -any overcoming issue or information we say to the participant after the experiment, this is not included in the ethical guidelines; the nature of the experiment and what we study etc.

- ethics standards of institutions and external bodies
- reporting ethical issues
- modification of proposal

Example:

Milgram's research and Zimbardo's prison experiment researches are unethical because of the stress and discomfort of the participants.