

The Hand book of information and Cyber Ethic

Chapter18: A practical mechanism for ethical risk assessment – A SoDIS inspection

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What I expect to learn:

- To learn the generic standards for risk analysis models
- To learn a practical mechanism for ethical risk assessment
- To learn what is SoDIS inspection model

Quote:

“The availability of high-quality software is critical for the effective use of information technology in organizations.”

Book Review:

The quantitative nature of the tool allows a company to determine whether or not it has successfully decreased its ethical risk over time. But the qualitative aspect of the tool allows the organization to identify and address specific risk-prone areas by minimizing risks that can be controlled and by instigating effective measures to counteract unavoidable risks.

In developing their tool, the pair looked at two existing measures of ethical risk that were ultimately found lacking: the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and the Ethics Resource Center Ethics Quick Test.

The GRI takes a broad look at social performance measures, looking at how a company adhered to multinational codes and standards in the past, Berman explained. “It’s really backward-looking. It really says what we’ve done, and not what kinds of risks we have and how do we manage them. It doesn’t help us manage the risk going forward, so unfortunately, we didn’t find it super helpful.”

The Ethics Quick Test focuses on 12 areas of an organization's commitment to ethics, such as how ethics factors into its organizational values, strategies, goals, objectives, policies and procedures. It looks at organizational incentives, decision-making, and tone at the top, as well as ethics evaluation, education, and training. But the major downfall of the Quick Test, Berman noted, was that it focuses on organizational dynamics as ethical risk factors, without really getting at individual or industrial-level factors.

What I have learned:

- The generic standards for risk analysis models
- The risk identification
- The risk analysis
- The limitations of the generic standards

Integrative Question:

1. What is SoDIS?
2. What is risk assessment?
3. Is risk assessment necessary?
4. What is jus ad bellum?
5. What is jus in bello?