

## CHAPTER 3

### The Ethics and Politics of Research: Doing What's "Right"

#### **Learning Objectives**

1. Explain the four major ethical issues in the treatment of research participants: potential harm, informed consent, deception, and privacy invasion.
2. Use federal regulations and professional guidelines concerning the ethical treatment of research participants.
3. Apply the process of ethical decision-making to your own research.
4. Discuss the relationship between politics and social research.
5. Describe how ethics and politics may be related in social research.