

## THE ENFORCEMENT OF MORAL CODES

Moral rules are enforced in two main ways: by socialization and by external mechanisms. Socialization, which is carried out in the home, the classroom, the street, and the work-place, results in the internalization of norms. The agent observes the rules either because he deems them right or because he is afraid of social disapproval. However, in many cases socialization is insufficient, so formal enforcement mechanisms are instituted, mainly courts of law and law-enforcement agencies. Unfortunately such external mechanisms are easily corrupted and, in some societies, they are the main seat of public immorality: witness the widespread brutality and corruption of the police forces in most countries. Nothing has the force of socialization, and in this process not even the best school can be a substitute for a good home.

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