

Ethical Normative Systems

Ethical Framework	Normative System Example	Key Thinker(s)	Decision Making Details
Consequentialism	The Utilitarian Approach	Epicurus Mill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amount or degree of pleasure/pain actions will produce. - Happiness - Most good or least harm for all who are affected.
	The Ethical Egoism Approach	Thrasymachus Rand Hobbes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greatest amount of good for him or herself - Self interest as a prerequisite to self-respect and respect for others.
	The Common Good Approach	Plato Aristotle Rousseau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actions should contribute to ethical communal life. - What is best for people as a whole - Respect and compassion for others, especially the ^{more} vulnerable
Rights and Responsibilities	The Rights Approach	Locke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protecting ethical rights of those affected - All humans have a right to dignity - Debated: should it include animals? Robots?
	The Fairness or Justice Approach	Rawls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All free should be treated alike - Chosen by free and rational people. - Fair action - Not concerned with consequences
	The Duty-Based Approach	Kant Hippo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal will and attention - Proper intention - Action should be able to become universal law - Choosing to be bound to moral law

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Autonomy	The Autonomy Approach		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Desire for freedom - Self-Governance - Capacity to make decisions - Ability to decide own course of action
Virtue Ethics	The Virtue Approach	Confucius	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Importance of acting in an appropriate manner - Entirety of a persons life
	The Divine Command Approach	Ockham Luther Calvin Kierkegaard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God's commands - God's will - Ten commandments
Multiple Perspectives	The Feminist Approach	Jagger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traditional ethics does not value women's moral experience - Looking at the female viewpoint and experiences.

In order to gain a more complete understanding examine (alone or through a group discussion) how one of the following questions would apply to each specific normative system:

- The ATM spits out an extra \$100 in your favor. Do you keep it or bring it to the ATM owner's attention?
- You can obtain a free wireless connection by accessing the account of your next-door neighbor. Do you use it?

