

Philosophy Morality questions

You pass someone in the street who is in severe need and you are able to help them at little cost to yourself. Are you morally obliged to do so?

Strongly obliged
Weakly obliged
Not obliged

You have a brother. You know that someone has been seriously injured as a result of criminal activity undertaken by him. You live in a country where the police are generally trustworthy. Are you morally obliged to inform them about your brother's crime?

Strongly obliged
Weakly obliged
Not obliged

You know the identity of someone who has committed a serious crime resulting in a person being badly injured. Are you morally obliged to reveal their identity to an appropriate authority so that they are dealt with justly?

Strongly obliged
Weakly obliged
Not obliged

You see an advertisement from a charity in a newspaper about a person in severe need in Australia. You can help this person at little cost to yourself. Are you morally obliged to do so?

Strongly obliged
Weakly obliged
Not obliged

You own an unoccupied property. You are contacted by a welfare organization which desperately needs somewhere to house a person from a nearby town who is being unjustly persecuted. Your anonymity is assured. You have every reason to believe that no harm will come to your property. Are you morally obliged to allow them to use your property?

Strongly obliged
Weakly obliged
Not obliged

You own an unoccupied property. You are contacted by a refugee group which desperately needs somewhere to house a person seeking asylum who is being unjustly persecuted in a foreign country. Your anonymity is assured. You have every reason to believe that no harm will come to your property. Are you morally obliged to allow them to use your property?

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A situation arises where you can either save your own child from death or contact the emergency services in order to save the lives of ten other children. You cannot do both, and there is no way to save everyone. Which course of action are you morally obliged to follow?

Save your own child
Save ten other children

You become aware that a piece of machinery in your workplace is faulty and that if it is not repaired then there will soon be an accident which will result in someone losing the use of their legs. Despite knowing that nobody else is aware of the fault, you take no action. Shortly afterwards, the accident occurs, and someone does lose the use of their legs. Are you morally responsible for their injury?

Responsible
Partially responsible
Not responsible

A charity collection takes place in your office. For every \$10 given, a blind person's sight is restored. Instead of donating \$10, you use the money to treat yourself to the new Pirates of the Caribbean film after work. Are you morally responsible for the continued blindness of the person who would have been treated had you made the donation?

Responsible
Partially responsible
Not responsible

You deliberately sabotage a piece of machinery in your work place so that when someone next uses it there will be an accident which will result in that person losing the use of their legs. Are you morally responsible for their injury?

Responsible
Partially responsible
Not responsible

You are required to send a person a gift, and you have bought a bottle of drink to send to them. However, you discover it is poison and if consumed will cause blindness in the drinker. To replace it with a non-contaminated bottle will cost you \$25. You give the poisoned drink as a gift anyway. Are you morally responsible for the blindness of the drinker?

Responsible
Partially responsible
Not responsible

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| You can save the lives of ten patients by cancelling one operation which would have saved the life of a different patient. Are you morally obliged to do so? | Yes No |
| You are able to help some people. Unfortunately, you can only do so by harming other people. The number of people harmed will always be 10 percent of those helped. When considering whether it is morally justified to help does the actual number of people involved make any difference? For example, does it make a difference if you are helping ten people by harming one person rather than helping 100,000 people by harming 10,000 people? | Yes Noexplain _____ _____ _____ |
| You can save the lives of ten innocent people by killing one other innocent person. Are you morally obliged to do so? | Yes No |
| Someone you have never met needs a kidney transplant. You are one of the few people who can provide the kidney. Would any moral obligation to provide the kidney be greater if this person were a cousin rather than a non-relative? | Yes No |
| You can save the lives of a million innocent people by killing a hundred thousand others. Are you morally obliged to do so? | Yes No |
| You can save the lives of a thousand patients by cancelling one hundred operations that would have saved the lives of a hundred different patients. Are you morally obliged to do so?? | Yes No |
| Do you think that assisting the suicide of someone who wants to die - and has requested help - is morally equivalent to allowing them to die by withholding medical assistance (assuming that the level of suffering turns out to be identical in both cases)? | Yes No |
| Are your moral obligations to people in your own country or community stronger than those to people in other countries and communities (assuming no unusual circumstances - for example, suffering because of famine - in either your own country/community or other countries/communities)? | Yes No |
| You are in 1930s Germany and you know with certainty what the future holds. Do you make an attempt to murder Adolf Hitler? | Yes No |
| A friend comes to you with a recent AP examination which you will be taking later in the day. Everyone from your class is looking at it to see what to expect. Do you? | Yes No |
| Regarding the prior question, do you report this to authorities? | Yes No |
| A runaway trolley is hurtling down the tracks toward five people who will be killed if it proceeds on its present course. You can save these five people by diverting the trolley onto a different set of tracks, one that has only one person on it, but if you do this that person will be killed. Is it morally permissible to turn the trolley and thus prevent five deaths at the cost of one? | Yes No |
| Once again, the trolley is headed for five people. You are standing next to a large man on a footbridge spanning the tracks. The only way to save the five people is to push this man off the footbridge and into the path of the trolley. Is that morally permissible? | Yes No |