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Self-Assessment 1.2: Assessing My Perspective on Ethics

There are many systems that attempt to capture ethical values. This self-assessment measures one possible approach to ethics. You are classified along two dimensions, and then these are used to create four categories of people.

Read each statement in the survey and select the rating that reflects the degree with which you agree or disagree with the scenario in the statement, with 1 representing "Completely Disagree" and 5 representing "Completely Agree." There are no right or wrong answers. After completing the self-assessment, read the feedback that explains how to understand your score and interpret your results.

You must respond to all statements in order to receive full credit for this self-assessment activity.

Idealism

	Completely Disagree	Moderately Disagree	Neither Agree nor Di...	Moderately Agree	Completely Agree
1. People should make certain that their actions never intentionally harm another even to a small degree.	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
2. Risks to another should never be tolerated, irrespective of how small the risks might be.	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
3. The existence of potential harm to others is always wrong, irrespective of the benefits to be gained.	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
4. Deciding whether or not to perform an act by balancing the positive consequences of the act against the negative consequences of the act is immoral.	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
5. The dignity and welfare of the people should be the most important concern in any society.	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
6. Moral behaviors are actions that closely match ideals of the most "perfect" action.	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐

Relativism

	Completely Disagree	Moderately Disagree	Neither Agree nor Di...	Moderately Agree	Completely Agree
7. What is ethical varies from one situation and society to another.	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
8. Moral standards should be seen as being individualistic; What one person considers to be moral may be judged to be Immoral by another person.	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐

9. Moral standards are simply personal rules that indicate how a person should behave, and are not to be applied in making judgments of others.	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
10. Ethical considerations in interpersonal relations are so complex that individuals should be allowed to formulate their own individual codes.	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
11. Rigidly codifying an ethical position that prevents certain types of actions could stand in the way of better human relations and adjustment.	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐
12. No rule concerning lying can be formulated; whether a lie is permissible or not permissible totally depends upon the situation.	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐

Source: Adapted from D. R. Forsyth, "A Taxonomy of Ethical Ideologies", *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, July 1980, pp. 175–184.

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References

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