

Moral Relativism

The Absolute Truth About Relativism
and Something Like Relativism



A Brief History of Truth



Plato...

Medieval World...

Descartes...

Postmodernism...

Nietzsche...

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- Truth Embracers vs. Relativists – the extremes
- Moral Relativism and apologetics
 - Moral Relativism offers a language for why they are not truth embracers
 - Anti-legalists and Anti-Absolutists
 - Laws tell what they should not do opposed to what they should do...

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- Reactionary
- “Everything is permissible if God does not exist”
-Dostoyevsky (Wilkins, Sanford, 86)
- Individual perception or preferences are embraced (88).

Positive Elements Within Moral Relativism

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- “Moral Relativism helps us recognize moral selectivity” (88).
- “Moral Relativism illuminates the inadequacy of legalism” (89).
- Moral Relativism forces us to be more reflective about ethical positions and methods” (91).

Potential Problems with Moral Relativism



- “How does one make an intellectual case for moral relativism” (93)?
- “No one can live as a relativist” (95).
- “Moral Relativism undercuts the principles of fairness and justice” (95).
- “Moral relativism results in the lowest in the common moral denominator” (96).

Works Cited

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