Moral Relativism

The Absolute Truth About Relativism and Something Like Relativism
A Brief History of Truth

Plato…
Medieval World…
Descartes…
Postmodernism…
Nietzsche…
Moral Relativism

• 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…
Moral Relativism

- Reactionary
- “Everything is permissible if God does not exist”
  -Dostoyevsky (Wilkens, Sanford, 86)
- Individual perception or preferences are embraced (88).
Positive Elements Within Moral Relativism

• “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