

MORAL DILEMMA Ethics

Values 02

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Read the Pregnant Lady and the Dynamite, then answer the questions given:

A pregnant woman leading a group of five people out of a cave on a coast is stuck in the mouth of that cave. In a short time, high tide will be upon them and unless she is unstuck, they will all be drowned except the woman whose head is out of the cave. Fortunately (or unfortunately), someone has with him a stick of dynamite. There seems no way to get the pregnant woman loose without using the dynamite which will inevitably kill her; but if they do not use it everyone else will drown. What should they do?

For me, it is really hard to decide which path I'll choose. But also, as a person who can't handle guilt I cannot stand the thought of killing an unborn child. I'm not fond of children but just the thought of them dying without being able to see the world pains me. But also, losing five lives can cause me burden and guilt. So, I thought that maybe they've lived enough, if I'm there I'd gladly sacrifice myself but in this kind of situation, I'll choose to risk the safety of the five people than a mother and an unborn child.