Ethics

## Relativism相对主义 & Objectivism客观主义

### Ethical relativism 伦理相对主义

There is no universally accepted ethical standard 没有普遍接受的道德标准

“**Personal ethical relativism**”

“**Social ethical relativism**”

Reasons for ethical relativism

Diversity of moral views

Moral uncertainty

Situation differences

Morality is a set of believe individual or society have, nothing more

### Arguments against ethical relativism (Non-relativism, Objectivism)

A correct moral stand does exist even have disagreement.

No matter under what circumstance, always have general values such as justice, happiness etc.

### Objectivism客观主义

The truth or falsity of typical moral judgments does not depend upon the beliefs or feelings of any person or group of persons.

Moral propositions are analogous to proposition about absolute truth

**Moral realism**: 道德客观事实主义

objective good is a reality independent of who view it, as in natural science.

**Moral pluralism**: 道德多元理论

there may be more than one set of equally valid moral principles, and sometimes one has to choose between them.

## Egoism利己主义 and Altruism利他主义

### Psychological EGOISM 利己主义

Everyone acts only in their own self-interest.

Even actions that appear altruistic are in fact selfish. 利他主义实际是利己主义

### Narrow PSYCHOLOGICAL EGOISM 狭义利己主义

People only act selflessly out of short-term self interest

人们只会出于短期自我利益表现的无私

Problem: people clearly can sometimes act out of their own long-term interest sacrificing short-term happiness

人们有时候会出于长期利益放弃短期利益

### Broad PSYCHOLOGICAL Egoism 广义利己主义

People act out of their own long-term interest

People may appear to act altruistically for their own long-term gain

人们会出自于自己的长期利益表现的无私

Problems:

1. People don’t always act out of their own long-term interest (sometimes they sacrifice a larger long-term good for a smaller short-term gain)

人们有时为短期利益牺牲长期利益

2) People can act altruistically without any seeming gain to themselves

人们有时会无目的性的表现的无私

### ALTRUISM 利他主义

People acting out of genuine concern for other people’s welfare

人们行动出于对别人福利的真正关心

### The Social Contract and Altruism 社会契约和利他主义