PHIL 101IH INTRO ETHICS: GOOD AND EVIL

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So far, we have talked about hedonism, utilitarianism, basics of good and evil philosophical ideas, and the consequentialist approach to moral psychology. I agree more with the consequentialist/utilitarian approach than the hedonistic approach so far because I think living your life for others happiness is more important than one’s own happiness. More importantly, I think worrying about the stuffing of the world rather than one’s own suffering is more productive to society’s wellbeing. I enjoy the idea of utilitarianism but it can have its moral flaws. These flaws can be seen by looking at the example covered in class with the Boston marathon bomber: Many people would receive hedons from watching him die or knowing that he was put to death, but it’s not right to kill someone ever in my moral code. The problems with utilitarianism arise when laws are broken to please many people. I would classify myself as a law abiding utilitarianist.