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Viewing someone behind a veil of ignorance states that one doesn’t know a person’s race, sex, gender, or economic status. We were asked: what if the justice system operated behind this veil? I believe that this would be less fair. Knowing someone’s background leads to a greater understanding of what punishment they should receive. However, bias can be an issue here if a judge or jury is racist or sexist etcetera in any way. Now moving on to the golden rule, it’s main weaknesses is vagueness. It’s too up to interpretation. I also wouldn’t want a heroin addict to do unto me as he would do unto himself. Now we are diving into the issues of the dilemma of: what if everyone did it? This is related to Kant’s method because the method states you find a maxim then imagine if everyone did that. After this, you decide if its irrational if everyone follows the maxim and decide to allow it or not. If you base your whole moral philosophy on this you encounter some issues. For instance, if you take the maxim of homosexuality then if everyone did that the human race would end. In Kant’s mind, this means that homosexuality is immoral, which of course is wrong.