**The Moral of the Future**

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My question refers to how new technologies affect and shape global moral and how the local moral/values will integrate with the new one.

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[JavierEduardo](https://courses.edx.org/courses/HarvardX/ER22x/2013_Spring/discussion/forum/users/342973) about 19 hours ago

a)Good Day, let´s say for example, if my job is not just, but my family depends on my salary..what should I do? b) I mean the work is legal..but I believe it is not just for society..but my family and I depends on the salary..What should I do considering the difficulty to get a job. c) What would you do if Harvard CEO sends yoo and order to do something worng but unfair..would you do it?

My name is Javier from Quito- Ecuador Thank you!

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**Fleeing Punishment in Civil Disobedience**

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Quite apart from the question of how just was Snowden's cause, Prof. Sandel brought up the point that typically civil disobedience involves accepting an unjust punishment for breaking an unjust law. While such acceptance of punishment may stir a greater emotional response from the populace and possibly increase the efficacy of such activism, in what way is it morally different whether someone refuses an unjust punishment for an unjust law which they have refused to obey or whether they accept an unjust punishment for an unjust law they have disobeyed? Of course, this presumes that the punishment is unjust, and presumably a rejection of the idea that it benefits the greater good to have rule of law override considerations of justice and personal rights.

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**Snowden**

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I think Snowden brought up something that should be discussed but it would be a more classic case of civil disobedience if he turned himself in and it all went to the Supreme Court. What do you think the result would be?

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**Snowden Case**

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I thought that in the first hand the government has been wrong in taking survey without getting the community and public involve. I believe that the government should through engagement of the population to collect information through reporting center or crime line report. With the good intention, I believe that the general public will support and can be more effective to combat terrorism with the community involvement. The stealing of the information violate the basic human rights and this is a clear violation of the constitution. The action of Snowden is justify to stop the continuation of such wrong act on the part of the government and while he in breach of the secrecy but for good sake and action to correct the wrong doing of the government should not be guilty for the whistle-blowing.

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**Snowden and justification...**

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[wryguy](https://courses.edx.org/courses/HarvardX/ER22x/2013_Spring/discussion/forum/users/1372942) about 19 hours ago

The information he divulged was generally known but he chose to reveal it and make it fact at a time that seemed targeted to hurt and embarrass our president. And he then he ran away.   
Sure the verification of the information is finally a positive acknowledgement to everyone who suspected this spying was going on BUT were his actions noble (for the good) or more self-serving? To me his actions seem self-serving, misguided and possibly manipulated by others?

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**Answer to Prof.Sandel's question about Edward Snowden**

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Dear Prof.Sandel,

I believe that the information that Mr.Snowden divulged was important enough so as to break the civil law. After all, he presented the proof that some of what previously thought to be the private data not just of citizens of the US, but also other countries (e.g. China), was in fact tapped and being recorded. A lot of current debates about fairness go along the lines of privacy. I would even say, our right to privacy is one of our "basic" rights. So, looking from this perspective, Edward Snowden divulged the information that showed that all the current efforts in that direction were not overly honest, in the sense that parallel to them, all that private information was still gathered.

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**Can Civil Disobedience Survive if Life in Prision or Death are Possible Consequences**

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Given the treatment of various prisoners of the United States Government, including Bradley Manning and other whistleblowers, how can anyone call government fraud, abuse or unconstitutional actions to the public's attention without risking his life or life in prison?

Is it now required to risk life in prison, torture or death to practice non-violent civil disobedience?

Will this overbearing government response not lead to civil war?

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**Snowden case input as requested**

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Yes, important to reveal. (See June 27 NYTimes opinion of Roger Cohen.)

Yes, important enough to have broken the law.

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**Not Killing humans as they are rational animals**

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Will it be ok then to kill a mentally retarded human being according to Kant?

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**Answer to Prof. Sandel Questions**

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I do not believe it was necessary to reveal the information. Based on news coverage, I assume all along my data is being collected.

I believe Snowden knew what he was agreeing to work on when he took his assignment and went through the security clearance. I believe he is in violation and breaking the law and a coward. He should be arrested.

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**Welcome Mr. Snowden!**

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Good day: I am fronm Ecuador and I live in Ecuador..welcome to my country Snowden!! We are waiting for you with arms open!

Professor Sandel: Snowden is a hero for us in our country and many places around the world.

Professor Sandel: What is your point? Should we give him asylum? what is your opinion about washingtong policies and espionage? Ecuador defends the human rights!!! By the way you are more than welcome here in our country Ecuador!

Regards, Javier

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**Snowden**

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Yes, I think that Snowden revealed important information. I feel sorry that he has ruined his life by bringing down the power of the US govt on himself. I want to find a way to deal justly and compassionately with his law breaking.

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**Morals ???**

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How can we justify any particular situation ethically or morally, when we ourselves are not very constant with what we believe in, when we ourselves are hypocrites ???

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**Is the Justice System in the US concerned about Justice?**

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[Bob\_Barrett](https://courses.edx.org/courses/HarvardX/ER22x/2013_Spring/discussion/forum/users/1538332) about 20 hours ago

(this is a repost... I think I posted it in the wrong section previously)

This course has been about what is just/moral/ethical which is an excellent course of study for anyone but it appears to me that our nations law schools beat the moral compass out of each of their students.

My experience with the legal system has demonstrated that most lawyers and judges are concerned with what the law says in a black & white sense and which precedents are most valid to their arguments which are the tools of their trade; but moral or ethical arguments are somehow irrelevant.

Worse, many don't stop to question unjust laws, regulations, or unethical enforcement strategies. Somehow, the right thing to do (for them) is to obey the rules, even if by doing so they end up having the opposite effect of the intent of the laws (where the laws are just). Such a mindset is the basis of the "Banality of Evil", or phased less provocatively, the banality of unethical actions caused by an inflexible obedience to authority.

When someone challenges the ethics of the rules, the Justice System tends to punt the question back to the political branches of government, while perpetrating unethical acts under the guise of "enforcement" of the law. Shouldn't our nations laws and our nations Justices' have core ethical principles as their foundations, not obedience to authority.

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**The issue of hate speech**

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[ThiagoMoreira](https://courses.edx.org/courses/HarvardX/ER22x/2013_Spring/discussion/forum/users/1753644) about 20 hours ago

I would like to know about the issue of hate speech. many people incite hatred in others using the prerogative of freedom of expression as a fundamental right. Is there any theory, however absurd it may be, to legitimize these actions?

Thank you.

Thiago Moreira

Brazil

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**Is AID to other countries a way of repairing past abusses ? And is it enough just to admit mea culpa ?**

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[alsevere](https://courses.edx.org/courses/HarvardX/ER22x/2013_Spring/discussion/forum/users/676751) about 20 hours ago

I ask this question because I am a Haitian and a lot of countries such as France, England , and most recently the United States of America Have done major wrongs to my country in so many ways ,example : Giving us a so called aid where 90% of that aid goes back to the country ,(USA)

In the second question I am invoking the case of ex president Bill Clinton that in the 1990's he gave advantages to his fellow American farmer by helping to destroy Haiti's framing by taking political action to force us diplomatically to buy rice from the USA in a meeting Colin Powell forced Ex President to admit his involvement in destroying haiti's farming of rice by coercing them to by Arkansas rice accusation to which he admitted to , He did this to be able to be a special en-void to the UN to Haiti . Now my question is IS THIS JUST , THAT THE MAN THAT CAUSE PROBLEM BE PERMITTED TO " HELP" I DOUBT THAT THAT HELP WILL BE OF ANY GOOD .

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**Consent about constitution law in a country**

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[edxscholar](https://courses.edx.org/courses/HarvardX/ER22x/2013_Spring/discussion/forum/users/744976) about 20 hours ago

Nowadays because of fast evolution in societies, it is strongly needed that the consent on laws, especially on constitution law of a country to have an expiring date for voiding the old consent and making a new and legitimate consent. Someone who has voted for a constitution at last decades may have new opinions now, and new generations of society will have new opinions too. It seams that this is ignored in legal system of most of countries. please give an explanation or provide a discussion about this issue as a fundamental and important example of consent.

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