

## Extra Credit Assignment #1

In lecture we discussed some examples of instances in which cultures diverged deeply in the practices they found morally acceptable. We saw how a cultural relativist would use such instances as proof that what is moral is relative to one's culture. The relativist's argument depends on there being no independent standard by which to judge which culture is correct. An anti-relativist believes we can determine who is right and who is wrong in the case of deep disagreement. Write a brief (less than one double-spaced page) illustration of this dialectic including the following:

1. An original example of a practice that our culture currently finds deeply immoral, but is or was thought to be moral at some time in some culture.
2. A statement of how the relativist would argue that this is an instance where morality is culture-dependent.
3. A proposal how to resolve the disagreement - who is right and who is wrong, and why?

This assignment may count for up to a 0.02 point bonus on your final GPA. The assignment is due Monday, August 17.