### **(1) Honesty - Part One**

**Level One**

The most basic definition of honesty has two options when asked a question :

1. Answer the question with true statements
2. Answer the question with false statements

**Level Two**

If one has more nuance they will learn that there is an implicit third option :

1. Answer the question with true statements
2. Answer the question with false statements
3. Decline to answer the question

However (3) itself has multiple options :

1. Answer the question with true statements
2. Answer the question with false statements
3. Decline to answer the question
   1. tangent - answer a different question
   2. explicit - inform them you will not answer
   3. implicit - ignore the question

Most people will do (a) in an attempt to remain friendly (non-confrontational) demeanor yet still avoiding answering the real question.

Interestingly, for better or worse, I am unique to doing (b) and (c) . I consistently find that people more frequently lie than choose these more confrontational options.

**Level Three**

Level Three is the distinction between answering what they are asking directly, and what they are intending to ask.

This is incredibly unique and I'm hyper interested in anyone if they act at this level regularly. This level not only requires conscience -- but also requires insight, enabling one to be *more* honest or *more* deceptive than explicitly asked-of.

Let's put it on the list and reorganize from most 'helpful' to most 'unhelpful' :

1. Answer the intended question with true statements
2. Answer the question with true statements
3. Decline to answer the question
   1. tangent - answer a different question
   2. explicit - inform them you will not answer
   3. implicit - ignore the question
4. Answer the question with false statements
5. Answer the intended question with false statements

When ordered on a spectrum the numbering makes more sense to be -2, -1, 0, 1, 2. Also we observe that the ostensibly helpfulness has direct negative correlation with confrontation level and its graph.

**Conclusion :**

Here is the final graph of honesty on a spectrum from most 'helpful' to most 'unhelpful'.

-2. Answer their intention and implications with all false information

-1. Answer their statement with false statements

0. Decline to answer the question

1. Answer their statement with true statements

2. Answer their intention and implications with true information

Here is a terribly made graph charting different attributes of this spectrum :



This same article concept could be written in different forms. Hopefully one day it will be and these related post topics will be links :

* Consequentialism and Deontology
* Inputs and Outputs
* Altruism and Martyrdom
* POSTMORTEM - 1

Honesty is the best policy, but insanity is a better defense

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0sdsR8BLA0>

grime - no breaks