

Analyzing Moral Problems

1. Factual Issues
 - Different assumptions can lead to different moral conclusions
2. Conceptual Issues
 - The particular way an idea is defined
3. Application Issues
 - Does the idea apply in this case?
4. Moral Issues
 - Which moral value should take priority?

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- Which of the following is NOT true about factual issues?
 - One should not attempt to assess a moral issue if there is irresolvable factual uncertainty.
- The steps taken to resolve a moral disagreement usually do not depend on the specifics of the issue.
 - F
- Often, apparent moral disagreements turn out to be disagreements over relevant facts.
 - T
- Which of the following are true of factual issues?
 - They can be relevant to a moral problem.
 - They can be unknown or controversial
- One of the frustrating things about disagreements over moral issues is that:
 - The specific nature of the disagreements are rarely stated clearly.
- Addressing a relevant conceptual issue rarely lends clarity to a moral discussion
 - F
- When we must decide whether an action is right or wrong we are faced with a **moral** issue.
- T?
 - Often moral issues require deciding which value should prevail when they conflict
- A grease payment is giving someone a small amount of money
 - conceptual
- A question about whether a particular situation is an instance of a given concept is an **application** issue.
- A conceptual issue is a question about the meaning of a term.
 - T
- Kind of claim: “Edward Snowden is a whistleblower.”
 - Application