

Learning Guide Unit 4

Discussion Forum

This assignment will assess your skills and knowledge about:

- Explaining ethical egoism and its key concepts.
- Explaining major social contract theories and their key concepts.
- Analyzing ethical issues in a broader social context using ethical egoism and social contract principles.

Assignment:

Based on the readings of this unit and your own understanding, answer the following discussion questions:

1. Imagine the veil of ignorance that John Rawls described. If you were behind this veil of ignorance, what policies or measures would you advocate for in your country and why?
2. Do you think John Rawls has found a way to determine what is in fact just for a society? Justify your answer with examples.
3. Thomas Hobbes argued that people should give up some of their freedoms to ensure collective security. Describe any situations in your daily life where you have to give up certain freedoms for safety and order in your community. Do you think it's worth it? Why or why not?
4. John Rawls sees self-interest or egoism as obscuring our vision of what is just or right. This is fundamentally opposed to the principles of ethical egoism. In your opinion, can people motivated by self-interest see clearly what is just in any given situation? Explain your reasoning.

Your Discussion should be a minimum of 750 words in length and not more than 1000 words. You may use the course readings and/or any relevant sources to respond to the questions and your peer replies. Remember to locate, use, cite, and list references, using APA 7 style, in all your discussion posts to validate statements of fact or corroborate personal opinions/points of view.

NOTE: Remember to post as early as possible. The first posting is due by Sunday, and replies are due by Wednesday.

Discussion Responses

Please respond to any two classmates by providing comments or questions about their main post. Feedback should be appropriate, meaningful, and helpful. Overall, your comments should contribute positively to the conversation by broadening or clarifying it. Feedback should be in complete sentences. Read '[Peer feedback for students](#)' to know more about how to give feedback.

Academic Integrity

If at any time you suspect that a post in this assignment violates UoPeople's rules regarding plagiarism and/or any aspect of UoPeople's Academic Code of Conduct, please notify your instructor immediately.

Your instructor will grade you based on the [Discussion Forum Rubric Unit 4](#).