

## **Dave's Philosophy Questionnaire**

This questionnaire will provide us all information of your opinions concerning contemporary moral issues. Feel free not to answer a question, but your answers are greatly appreciated. Please print this out and circle your answers. If you feel that sometimes you're in favor, and sometimes against, circle "Not Sure"; if you don't understand what the question is saying, circle "Not Sure".

### **IN YOUR OPINION:**

#### *WAR AND TERRORISM:*

1. Is there such a thing as a just war?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

2. Is terrorism ever justified?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

#### *DEATH PENALTY:*

3. Are you in favor of the death penalty for convicted murderers?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

4. Are you in favor of the death penalty for minors?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

5. Are you in favor of the death penalty for the mentally disabled (IQ under 80)?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

#### *VEGETARIANISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT:*

6. If someone liked the way human beings tasted, and he or she was raised in a culture where it was acceptable to eat human flesh, would that be morally permissible?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

7. Do any nonhuman animals (besides family pets) have the right not to be tortured unnecessarily?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

8. Do any nonhuman animals (besides family pets) have the right to life?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

9. Is eating meat (e.g., hamburgers, chicken patties, turkey) morally permissible?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

10. Do we have a moral duty not to disturb wildlife, natural parks, or pollute unnecessarily?

YES NO NOT SURE

11. Is the earth merely here for our use – no matter what happens to the earth?

YES NO NOT SURE

12. Do ecosystems have rights?

YES NO NOT SURE

*ABORTION AND CLONING:*

13. Is abortion in the case of rape or incest morally permissible?

YES NO NOT SURE

14. Is abortion in the case of the imminent death of the mother, morally permissible?

YES NO NOT SURE

15. Is abortion for whatever reason, as long as the abortion is performed in the first 3 months of pregnancy, morally permissible?

YES NO NOT SURE

16. Is abortion ever morally permissible (even if Mom and/or fetus will both die)?

YES NO NOT SURE

17. Is infanticide (killing a newborn baby) ever morally permissible?

YES NO NOT SURE

18. Are you in favor of reproductive cloning (cloning to create another human being)?

YES NO NOT SURE

19. Are you in favor of therapeutic cloning (cloning to create an organ or tissue to heal someone)?

YES NO NOT SURE

20. Are you in favor of negative genetic engineering (i.e., repairing someone's genetic abnormalities)?

YES NO NOT SURE

21. Are you in favor of positive genetic engineering (i.e., creating a baby with desirable genetic traits)?

YES NO NOT SURE

*EUTHANASIA:*

22. Would you want to live in a persistent vegetative state?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

23. Do you favor physician-assisted suicide (lethal injection for a terminally ill patient who will die in the next 6 months, according to two physicians)?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

24. Are you in favor of withholding treatment (e.g., removing a ventilator, nutrition or hydration lines) from a patient who is in a persistent vegetative state?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

25. Are you in favor of administering a lethal injection to a patient who is terminally ill, who is suffering (where the legal limit of morphine has been given), and who in the physician's opinion will not recover from his/her illness?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

26. Does a comatose person have the right to life?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

*FREE SPEECH:*

27. As long as someone's speech does not directly physically harm someone else, is that speech morally permissible (e.g., saying that you hate someone, your country, an ethnic group, etc.)?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

28. Is flag burning morally permissible?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

29. Should Nazis be able to march and hand out literature in predominately Jewish towns?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

*PORNOGRAPHY:*

30. Does pornography oppress women?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

31. Should pornography of all kinds be outlawed?

YES NO NOT SURE

32. If a spouse views pornography on the Internet, while his/her partner is not aware that that is going on, is that equivalent to adultery?

YES NO NOT SURE

33. Would it be easy to define what is obscene to most people's satisfaction?

YES NO NOT SURE

*DRUG LEGALIZATION:*

34. Should marijuana be legalized?

YES NO NOT SURE

35. Should cocaine be legalized?

YES NO NOT SURE

36. Should heroin be legalized?

YES NO NOT SURE

37. Should marijuana, cocaine, and heroin be legalized?

YES NO NOT SURE

38. Can one consistently argue that cigarettes and alcohol should remain legal, while marijuana, cocaine, and heroin should not be made legal?

YES NO NOT SURE

*AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:*

39. Is diversity important enough for school Admissions departments to give consideration to underrepresented groups?

YES NO NOT SURE

40. Should MCC be concerned with the number of minorities who are in the administration, faculty, and staff and try to maintain a desirable balance during hiring?

YES NO NOT SURE

*PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS:*

41. Are you in favor of civil unions for same-sex couples (but not same-sex marriage)?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

42. Are you in favor of same-sex marriage?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

43. Are you in favor of sexual orientation being a protected class, as these classes are: gender, race, ethnicity, age?

YES      NO      NOT SURE

44. Do you consider yourself to be socially conservative?

YES      NO      NOT SURE