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Homework 3 – Personal Ethics

Ethics is a wide topic that is sometimes very complicated and not easy to be defined. My personal ethical system would be my personal act for distinguishing between right and wrong and thus, determine my daily actions and emotions. I believe ethic is not a system that can be taught in a week or two, but it is a code that is being developed during our life period. My family and my education has played an important role in the development of my core personal values like: **family and ambition, responsibility, respect.**

Family is very important for me, all the decisions I make, I do according to my family. I really do care that how much will my decisions affect my family. Everything I do firstly, I always share it with my mum and dad and ask for their opinion. I share it with them not because I cannot make my own but just I feel I make them happy and respect them more when I share it with them because thanks to their sacrifice they did to their lives now I've the right education and have many good things that some other people don't.

My dad was an Army man, he served in the Albanian Army for twenty-five years. Mostly of the time when I was young he was keeping me behind himself and mostly of the things I learned about being a responsible person are through him and his work's environment.

He always used to tell me that how important is to be responsible and to know for what I

should be responsible for, because the weight of the responsibility is heavy. My dad is my role model, through his hard-work and his responsibilities he made it to raise a beautiful family.

My mum and dad taught me that disrespect, dishonest and self-centered actions were morally wrong regardless of their outcomes. Their actions through my childhood taught me that I should always respect the elderly, that I should always tell the truth doesn't matter if that truth is going to hurt someone or not. They always used to tell me "Lies never last longer than three days" which means even if I lie it will come one day that the truth will be revealed.

During high school I attended a religious school. The religious classes that I took made me to enforce more my ethical code. Seeing that family, respect and responsibility are some strong pillars of my religion made me to improve even more my ethical code. Now not just what my family taught me but also the fearing GOD made me to carefully obey this rules. I would say that, even though my religion teaches me how to behave and be an ethical person sometimes I let my feeling to interfere while I take a decision. Now that I'm taking the Professional Ethics class I can describe myself as duty driven person but also sometimes I be relativism person

I am from Albania. Albania is a European country located in eastern Europe. Albanians are known of many things in the world but some of the descriptive words I would use to describe an ethical person in Albania are:

- Honor

- Hospitality
- Right conduct
- Blood (relatives) loyalty

We as Albanians we have a code which is called “Besa”. Besa is an Albanian cultural precept, usually translated as “faith” that means “to keep the promise” and “word of honor”

Besa also means taking care of those in need and being hospitable. During WW2, Albanians saved over 2000 Jews from Nazi persecution. Rather than hiding the Jews in attics or the woods, Albanians gave them clothes, gave them Albanian names and treated as part of the family.

There are many famous Albanians people who contributed a lot but I would like to choose Mother Teresa. Mother Teresa or Gonxhe Bojaxhiu it's her Albanian name, she is one of the best example of the Albanian culture and our social ethics. I choose Mother Teresa because of these three principles – seeing the poor, being present with the poor, and living with the poor – provide us a key to understand Mother Teresa's social ethic despite her personal disavowal of politics. Mother Teresa believed in peace, justice and love. She displayed this through her work with the poor, elderly and underprivileged as she was willingness to help in anyway. Mother Teresa treated everyone equally and with great respect. She showed this everyday by seeking out people in need and supporting them in times of need. My choose doesn't vary on gender, religion or ethnicity because

Mother Teresa is a great example for this, by blood she was Albanian but she dedicated her life to the poor people of India.

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