

Tutorial

Week 4

Debate questions

- Imagine that a CEO must make a decision whether to downsize the company, causing significant financial harm to employees, or risk bankruptcy by continuing operations. Does the CEO's ethical obligation lie with the employees or the shareholders and stakeholders?
- Suppose a soldier is faced with the dilemma of following orders to kill innocent civilians or disobeying orders and facing severe consequences. Does deontological ethics support the soldier's decision to follow orders, or does it demand that the soldier acts on their moral obligation to protect the innocent?
- Imagine a person who must choose between stealing food to feed their starving family or risking their safety to earn an honest living. Does the moral relativist argument that the person's actions are justified in their cultural context hold water, or does it demand that the person act with universal ethical principles?