**Philosophical Theories**

Deontology - Rule-Based System

* Good things/actions are good simply because they are good
* Actions have intrinsic value
* - Doesn’t allow for perspective
* - Rigid
* - Sometimes doesn’t offer a moral solution
* + Simple, clear, easy to follow
* + Stable
* - Who makes these rules?

Utilitarianism - Consequence-Based System

* Good things/actions are good because of the outcome they bring
* Greatest good for the most people
* + Majority always benefits
* - Minority always suffers
* + Allows for perspective
* + Can act immorally to achieve moral outcome
* - Can’t fully know the outcome until it happens
* - Too many choices

**Rights-Based Theories:**

Positive Rights

* Yes, someone needs to do something for you to have it
  + Bear Arms
  + K-12 Edu
  + Police

Negative Rights

* No, if nobody does anything, you have it
  + Free Speech
  + Life
  + Religion