

Areas of Knowledge: Art and Ethics

Knowledge question: What are the ethical limitations on art? How do we know what is ethically right?

1. Do Now: Read the attached article, “Teen suicide rates spiked after debut of Netflix show '13 Reasons Why,' study says.”

Annotate and then answer the following question: Assuming the study is correct, are the makers of the show, 13 Reason Why, responsible for the impact of their artwork?

2. How do we *know* what is right?

Answer this question but pay particular attention to the ways of knowing.

Relatedly, what is the source of the sense of 'right' and 'wrong'?

3. What is ethics? What is morality? What's the difference?

The terms “morals” and “ethics” are often used interchangeably. Both have to do with concepts of right and wrong. Some people do make a distinction between these concepts.

Morality has to do with the personal exercise of your own beliefs about what is right and wrong.

Ethics has more to do with societally accepted standards of right and wrong. At the same time, some people refer to ethics as “moral philosophy.”

For our purposes in this unit, we will be using the term *Ethics* and focus on the different approaches people take to the ideas of what is right and wrong.