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Relativist

*Cultural relativism: “good”
means “socially approved.”*



- Morality is a product of culture.
- Cultures differ widely about morality.
- There's no clear way to resolve moral differences.

If “good” means “socially approved,” then we can’t consistently disagree with the values of our society.

But we can consistently disagree with the values of our society.

∴ “Good” doesn’t mean “socially approved.”

One objection is that CR requires conformity.



Apply CR to



racism



moral
education

Dealing with other cultures

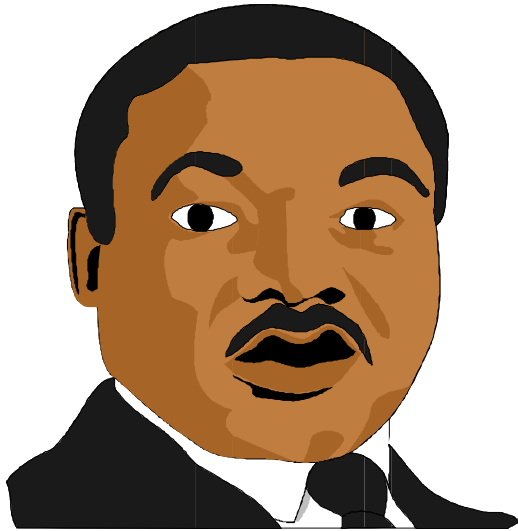


- On CR, is tolerance toward other cultures necessarily good?
- Does CR lead to common norms between cultures?
- Must those who accept objective values say “We’re right and they’re wrong”?

Within our
own culture



- Does CR lead to tolerance toward conflicting moral views?
- What is the subgroup problem?



“Racist actions
are objectively
wrong.”

The *objective view* says that *some* things are objectively right or wrong, regardless of what anyone may think or feel.

Kohlberg's stages of moral development

1. Punishment/obedience
2. Rewards
3. Parental approval
4. Social approval

Stages 5 & 6 try to evaluate norms rationally.