PHIL 3306 Ethics and Society

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In this course, we focus on the study of ethical theories and the application of theory to social issues. In this process we develop the analytical skills needed for philosophical thought about important social issues.

We begin with a discussion of several challenges to morality including cultural relativism, egoism and moral skepticism. Next we discuss the moral theories of Kant, Mill, Aristotle and others. Finally, we apply the principles we have learned from these moral theories to various social issues including abortion, euthanasia, world hunger, terrorism, pornography, affirmative action, animal rights, death and the meaning of life.