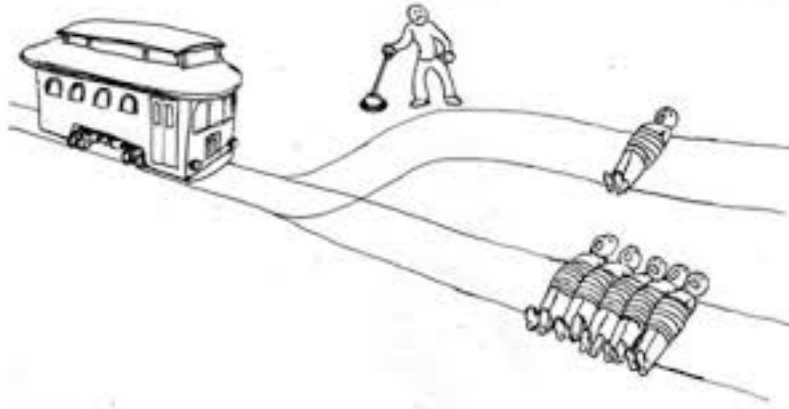


1. CASE 1: On the one hand, if you *pull* the lever, then you kill one person. On the other hand, if you *don't* pull the lever, then you let five people die. Assume that we don't know anything at all about any of the people who are tied to the track.



(a) If you were a *utilitarian*, why would you pull the lever? Explain your answer.

(b) If you were a *deontologist*, why would you *not* pull the lever? Explain your answer.

2. Case 2: On the one hand, if you *pull* the lever, then you *kill* one person. On the other hand, if you *don't* pull the lever, then you *let* one person *die*. If you were a utilitarian, how would you determine whether or not you should pull the lever? Explain your answer.

(a) If you were a *deontologist*, why should you *not* pull the lever? Explain your answer.

(b) If you were a *consequentialist* (such as a *utilitarian*), what would determine whether or not you should pull the lever? Explain your answer.

3. Case 3: Imagine that three people's lives are on the line, and they need you to save them. Yet, also imagine that one of the three people is in the opposite direction from the other two people. On the one hand, if you save the one solitary person, then you let the other two people die. On the other hand, if you save the two people who are a pair, then you let the one solitary person die. You cannot save all three people. Either you save one person and let two people die, or you save two people and let one person die.

(a) If you were a *utilitarian*, why would you save two people and let one person die? Explain your answer.

(b) If you were a *deontologist*, what should you do? Explain your answer.

4. Case 4.1: On the one hand, if you *pull* the lever, then you kill one human. On the other hand, if you *don't* pull the lever, then you let five dogs die. Assume that you have no other information available to inform your decision on whether or not to pull the lever.
- (a) If you were a utilitarian, would you pull the lever? Why or why not? Explain.
- (b) Does the number of dogs ever make a difference? Why or why not? Explain.
- (c) Instead of dogs, would it make a difference if it was a different species of nonhuman animal? Why or why not? Explain.
- (d) Instead of humans versus nonhuman animals, would it make a difference if it were babies versus teenager? Why or why not? Explain.

5. Case 4.2: On the one hand, if you *pull* the lever, then you kill five dogs. On the other hand, if you *don't* pull the lever, then you let one human die.

(a) If you were a deontologist, would you pull the lever? Why or why not? Explain.

(b) Does the number of dogs ever make a difference? Why or why not? Explain.

(c) Instead of dogs, would it make a difference if it was a different species of nonhuman animal? Why or why not? Explain.

(d) Instead of humans versus nonhuman animals, would it make a difference if it were babies versus teenager? Why or why not? Explain.

6. Classroom Discussion: [Trolley Problem Random Generator](#)