

Two ethical questions:

**Question 1:** If you knew a woman who was pregnant, who had eight children already, three who were deaf, two who were blind, one mentally retarded, and she had syphilis, would you recommend that she have an abortion?

**Y or N**

**Question 2:** It is time to elect the world leader, and yours is the deciding vote. Here are the facts about the three leading candidates:

- Candidate A: He associates with crooked politicians, and consults with astrologers. He's had two mistresses. He also chain smokes and drinks up to ten Martinis a day.
- Candidate B: He was ejected from office twice, sleeps until noon, used opium in college and drinks a large amounts of whisky every evening.
- Candidate C: He is a decorated war hero. He's a vegetarian, doesn't smoke, drinks an occasional beer and hasn't had any extra-marital affairs.

Which of these candidates would be your choice?

**A, B, or C**

Please note that this item contains exaggerated information, so use it with care, and ensure people are warned after answering the puzzle that certain 'facts' are historically unreliable. Despite some exaggerations the principle lesson remains valid, i.e., that we all too quickly make quick ethical judgements based on our own conditioned ideas of what is good and bad. Quick judgements and subjective criteria rarely give reliable assessment of actual goodness and potential.

Decide, then see the answer below.

Candidate A is Franklin D Roosevelt , Candidate B is Winston Churchill and Candidate C is Adolph Hitler.

And by the way the answer to the abortion question... If you said yes, you just killed Beethoven.

**Similarly the negative aspects of Roosevelt and Churchill are exaggerated, and Hitler would have found it difficult to conduct any extra-marital affairs given that he was first married in a bunker shortly before his death.**

We all tend to make ethical judgements based on conditioned and subjective views of what is right and proper.

We all tend to make snap decisions in assessing whether something is right or wrong, before seeking the full story.

The need to examine what really lies beneath the surface when judging good and bad will become increasingly important as ethics and ethical issues become genuinely popular mainstream concerns.

Powerful organizations, politicians and the media are very clever at 'spinning' and distorting information so as to control public opinion. Modern ethical issues such as corruption, environmental action, humanitarianism, the excesses of globalisation, etc., cannot be judged on face-value.

Judging important matters such as ethics on the surface is no basis for proper judgement, moreover we make it very easy for those who seek to deceive and exploit us when we fail to question and examine things properly before deciding.

## The Falsified Data (from Chemical Engineering May 5, 1980)

Jay's boss is an acknowledged expert in the field of catalysis. Jay is the leader of a group that has been charged with developing a new catalyst system, and the search has narrowed to two possibilities, catalyst A and B.

The boss is certain that the best choice is A, but directs that test be run on both, "just for the record". Owing to inexperienced help, the tests take longer than expected, and the results show that B is the preferred material. The engineers question the validity of the tests, but because of the project's timetable, there is no time to repeat the series. So the boss directs Jay to work the math backwards and come up with phony data to substantiate the choice of catalyst A, a choice that engineers in the group, including Jay, fully agree with.

What should Jay do?



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- Hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public and protect the environment in performance of their professional duties.
- Formally advise their employers or clients (and consider further disclosure, if warranted) if they perceive that a consequence of their duties will adversely affect the present or future health or safety of their colleagues or the public.
- Accept responsibility for their actions, seek and heed critical review of their work and offer objective criticism of the work of others.
- Issue statements or present information only in an objective and truthful manner.
- Act in professional matters for each employer or client as faithful agents or trustees, avoiding conflicts of interest and never breaching confidentiality.
- Treat fairly and respectfully all colleagues and co-workers, recognizing their unique contributions and capabilities.
- Perform professional services only in areas of their competence.
- Build their professional reputations on the merits of their services.
- Continue their professional development throughout their careers, and provide opportunities for the professional development of those under their supervision.
- Never tolerate harassment.
- Conduct themselves in a fair, honorable and respectful manner.

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