

Preconventional

Stage 1: Punishment and Obedience	Stage 2: Instrumental Exchange-Egosit
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Right and wrong are determined by what they get punished for. They must do whatever it takes not to get punished	Right and wrong are determined by what they get rewarded for, by doing what others want. Any concern for others is out of selfishness. The right option is the one that satisfies their needs.
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"What must I do to avoid punishment?"	"Whats in it for me?"
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Stage 3: Interpersonal Conformity	Stage 4: Law and Order- The Good Citizen
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Right is conformity to the stereotypical behavioral, values expectations of one's society or peers. Right and wrong are determined by the majority	Being good means doing your duty to society, To this end we obey laws without question and show respect for authority.
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"What must I do to be seen as a good girl/boy (socially acceptable)?"	"I collaborate to maintain law and order."
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Post Conventional

Stage 5: Social Contract	Stage 6: Universal Ethical Principle
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Right and wrong are determined by personal values, although these can be over-ridden by democratically agreed laws. When laws infringe our own sense of justice we choose to ignore them	One lives in accordance with deeply help moral principles which are seen as more important than the laws of the land
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"I disobey wrong rules and act consistently with my own principles"	"I have an obligation to disobey unjust laws and commit myself to follow the ones that are grounded in justice and wellbeing."
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