Dave’s Philosophy Questionnaire

This questionnaire will provide us all information of your opinions concerning contemporary moral issues. Feel free not to answer a question, but your answers are greatly appreciated. Please print this out and circle your answers. If you feel that sometimes you’re in favor, and sometimes against, circle “Not Sure”; if you don’t understand what the question is saying, circle “Not Sure”.

IN YOUR OPINION:

WAR AND TERRORISM:

1. Is there such a thing as a just war?

   YES  NO  NOT SURE

2. Is terrorism ever justified?

   YES  NO  NOT SURE

DEATH PENALTY:

3. Are you in favor of the death penalty for convicted murderers?

   YES  NO  NOT SURE

4. Are you in favor of the death penalty for minors?

   YES  NO  NOT SURE

5. Are you in favor of the death penalty for the mentally disabled (IQ under 80)?

   YES  NO  NOT SURE

VEGETARIANISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT:

6. If someone liked the way human beings tasted, and he or she was raised in a culture where it was acceptable to eat human flesh, would that be morally permissible?

   YES  NO  NOT SURE

7. Do any nonhuman animals (besides family pets) have the right not to be tortured unnecessarily?

   YES  NO  NOT SURE

8. Do any nonhuman animals (besides family pets) have the right to life?

   YES  NO

9. Is eating meat (e.g., hamburgers, chicken patties, turkey) morally permissible?

   YES  NO  NOT SURE
10. Do we have a moral duty not to disturb wildlife, natural parks, or pollute unnecessarily?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**  
   - **NOT SURE**

11. Is the earth merely here for our use – no matter what happens to the earth?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**  
   - **NOT SURE**

12. Do ecosystems have rights?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**  
   - **NOT SURE**

**ABORTION AND CLONING:**

13. Is abortion in the case of rape or incest morally permissible?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**  
   - **NOT SURE**

14. Is abortion in the case of the imminent death of the mother, morally permissible?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**  
   - **NOT SURE**

15. Is abortion for whatever reason, as long as the abortion is performed in the first 3 months of pregnancy, morally permissible?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**  
   - **NOT SURE**

16. Is abortion ever morally permissible (even if Mom and/or fetus will both die)?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**  
   - **NOT SURE**

17. Is infanticide (killing a newborn baby) ever morally permissible?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**  
   - **NOT SURE**

18. Are you in favor of reproductive cloning (cloning to create another human being)?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**  
   - **NOT SURE**

19. Are you in favor of therapeutic cloning (cloning to create an organ or tissue to heal someone)?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**  
   - **NOT SURE**

20. Are you in favor of negative genetic engineering (i.e., repairing someone’s genetic abnormalities)?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**  
   - **NOT SURE**

21. Are you in favor of positive genetic engineering (i.e., creating a baby with desirable genetic traits)?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**  
   - **NOT SURE**
EUTHANASIA:

22. Would you want to live in a persistent vegetative state?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

23. Do you favor physician-assisted suicide (lethal injection for a terminally ill patient who will die in the next 6 months, according to two physicians)?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

24. Are you in favor of withholding treatment (e.g., removing a ventilator, nutrition or hydration lines) from a patient who is in a persistent vegetative state?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

25. Are you in favor of administering a lethal injection to a patient who is terminally ill, who is suffering (where the legal limit of morphine has been given), and who in the physician’s opinion will not recover from his/her illness?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

26. Does a comatose person have the right to life?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

FREE SPEECH:

27. As long as someone’s speech does not directly physically harm someone else, is that speech morally permissible (e.g., saying that you hate someone, your country, an ethnic group, etc.)?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

28. Is flag burning morally permissible?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

29. Should Nazis be able to march and hand out literature in predominately Jewish towns?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

PORNOGRAPHY:

30. Does pornography oppress women?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE
31. Should pornography of all kinds be outlawed?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

32. If a spouse views pornography on the Internet, while his/her partner is not aware that that is going on, is that equivalent to adultery?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

33. Would it be easy to define what is obscene to most people’s satisfaction?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

**DRUG LEGALIZATION:**

34. Should marijuana be legalized?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

35. Should cocaine be legalized?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

36. Should heroin be legalized?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

37. Should marijuana, cocaine, and heroin be legalized?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

38. Can one consistently argue that cigarettes and alcohol should remain legal, while marijuana, cocaine, and heroin should not be made legal?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

39. Is diversity important enough for school Admissions departments to give consideration to underrepresented groups?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE

40. Should MCC be concerned with the number of minorities who are in the administration, faculty, and staff and try to maintain a desirable balance during hiring?
   YES   NO   NOT SURE
**PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS:**

41. Are you in favor of civil unions for same-sex couples (but not same-sex marriage)?
   
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42. Are you in favor of same-sex marriage?

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43. Are you in favor of sexual orientation being a protected class, as these classes are: gender, race, ethnicity, age?

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44. Do you consider yourself to be socially conservative?

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