THEORIES OF MORAL MOTIVATION: ACCOUNTING FOR MORAL DEVELOPMENT

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MORAL DEVELOPMENT

- WHY IS MORAL DEVELOPMENT IMPORTANT?
- OUR HOPE: OVER TIME, WE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE BETTER MORAL DECISIONS
 - DIFFERENT THEORIES OF WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE

MORAL MOTIVATION

• WHAT IS MORAL MOTIVATION?

• AFTER WE MAKE A JUDGMENT, HOW ARE WE MOTIVATED TO CARRY IT OUT?

INTERNALISM

• (SIMPLE INTERNALISM) NECESSARILY, IF A PERSON JUDGES THAT SHE MORALLY OUGHT TO X, THEN SHE IS (AT LEAST SOMEWHAT) MOTIVATED TO X.





- ARGUMENT FOR THE LITERATURE: ANY GOOD THEORY OF MOTIVATION SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN AND REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH A NORMAL AGENT'S MORAL DEVELOPMENT OVER TIME.
- CHALLENGE FOR THE INTERNALIST: AS THEY STAND, INTERNALIST THEORIES CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR THE PHENOMENON CALLED MORAL **DEVELOPMENT.**

THE LITERATURE

- WHY SHOULD THEORIES OF MOTIVATION ACCOUNT FOR MORAL **DEVELOPMENT?**
 - INTUITIVE
 - SHOULDN'T OUR ABILITY TO BE MOTIVATED TO DO GOOD THINGS **INCREASE AS WE BECOME MORE 'MORALLY MATURE'?**

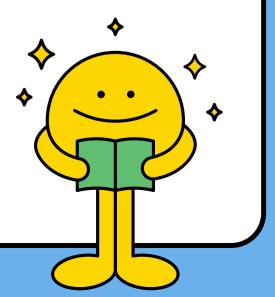


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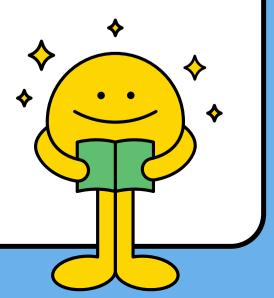
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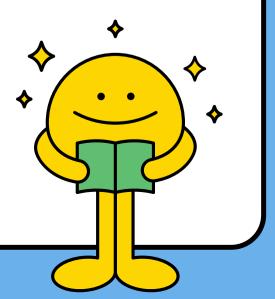
JUANA'S CASE ((CONT.))

- HOW DO WE ACCOUNT FOR JUANA'S TRAJECTORY? • MAYBE SHE GREW AS AN INDIVIDUAL (MORE DISCIPLINED, FOR EXAMPLE)
- WHAT DOES THE INTERNALIST SAY ABOUT JUANA'S CASE? • MUST CONCLUDE THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH JUANA'S JUDGMENT



JUANA'S CASE (CONT.)

WHAT IF JUANA WAS SINCERE IN HER MORAL JUDGMENT, BUT SHE LACKED THE MORAL MATURITY TO BE MOTIVATED? AFTER UNDERGOING A PROCESS OF MORAL DEVELOPMENT, HER ABILITY TO BE MOTIVATED CHANGED.



MORE EVIDENCE: SELENA'S CASE

- INTERNALISM DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE ROLE OF TIME PLAYS IN MOTIVATION
 - (SELENA'S CASE) IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, SELENA AND HER TWIN SISTER JUANA WATCHED A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT TYSON CHICKEN. THAT DAY, SELENA DECIDED THAT EATING MEAT WAS WRONG. SHE HAS NOT EATEN MEAT SINCE.
- INTERNALISM EITHER HAS TO TREAT THESE CASES AS IDENTICAL, **OR TAKE MORAL DEVELOPMENT TO BE UNIMPORTANT**



CONCLUSION

- MORAL DEVELOPMENT SEEMS IMPORTANT TO US
- IT SEEMS LIKE OVER TIME, OUR ABILITY TO BE MOTIVATED **CHANGES**
- THEORIES OF MORAL MOTIVATION MUST ACCOUNT FOR THIS
- AS THEY ARE, INTERNALIST THEORIES CANNOT



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