Emotions and Moral Beliefs

Presentation

Knowledge Question

- To what extent does emotions shape our moral beliefs?
- Areas of knowledge
 - Ethics
 - Psychology

Central Claims

- Ethics
 - Ideally, emotions play a great role in influencing our moral beliefs regarding what is deemed as rightful in the eyes of the society.
- Psychology
 - In society, people have different behaviors that they deem right or wrong. Such beliefs are highly based on emotions.

Counterclaims

- Ethics
 - However, emotions do not govern how people conduct themselves in the society.
- Psychology
 - To determine the behaviors that are acceptable in the society, emotions are no necessarily considered.

Real Life Situation

- Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombing.
- There was no justification for the act amid the war.
- Nonetheless, the act instigated the end to the war.
- Many lives were lost as a result

Continuation

- Even to date, the ethical dilemma to the act is being discussed.
- Would be ethical because it brought to end the world war?
- Is the decision by any means justifiable?

What is the Connection between Knowledge Question RLS?

- Emotions cannot justify the atomic bombing.
- Nonetheless, the action could be deemed ethical because it brought to end the second world war.
- But again, many people lost their lives as a result.
- Thus, it could be argued in this case that the RLS tries to answer the KQ raised

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