

# What type of normative ethics suits you best? A personality quiz

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Read through the following scenarios and highlight which out of the three options you would pick.

Ethical scenario	Do you...
Your friend has bought you the most <i>hideous</i> present for your birthday. She asks you for your honest opinion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) tell her the truth as it's the right thing to do? She did ask for your honest opinion!</li><li>b) tell her that it's a lovely present? You're better off lying as there won't be any tears and tantrums as a result if you told the truth!</li><li>c) tell her a lie? Generally you disagree with lying but in this situation it's okay as it's just a white lie and you don't want to hurt her feelings! You want to be a good friend.</li></ul>
You have caught a man who has planted bombs across the city of London. He will not reveal the location of the bombs in the interrogation room. Your colleague has suggested torture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) not torture him? To torture the man would be to go against Human Rights. Human Rights prohibit us from committing heinous acts.</li><li>b) torture him? You're certain he'll give you the answer and who knows you could save hundreds of Londoners!</li><li>c) not torture him? You regularly come across situations where criminals refuse to give you information. If you torture him, why not torture other criminals? What would this say about <i>you</i>?</li></ul>
You witness a homeless man steal food and water from your local shop. You are standing next to the security guard who didn't notice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) tell the truth? The act of stealing is illegal and it is your duty to do the right thing and tell the security guard the truth.</li><li>b) ignore it? If you tell the security guard what you saw you'll be late meeting your friends and you'd much rather be with them.</li><li>c) ignore it? Although stealing is wrong, the homeless person stole food and water to survive. It's not like he stole a TV! In this situation only, you'll ignore the theft.</li></ul>
You and many others are being held hostage by a mad man. He gives you the choice to free everyone providing you kill one of the hostages. If not, the mad man will kill everyone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) try to convince the mad man to reconsider his options? Killing, no matter what the situation, is always wrong!</li><li>b) kill one of the hostages? No brainer – the lives of many outweigh the life of one.</li><li>c) struggle to make a decision and possibly end up dead? The act of killing is more extreme than acts of lying but the consequences are extreme if you don't do it! Who knows what to do?</li></ul>
You discover that the person lying on your surgery table unconscious and waiting for you to operate on his life-threatening wounds is a tyrannical dictator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) save him? Who are you to take someone's life?</li><li>b) use this opportunity to kill him? His people will be better off without him!</li><li>c) save him? This decision is about <i>you</i> not the man on the operating table. <i>You</i> are a surgeon and <i>you</i> should fulfil <i>your</i> purpose as a surgeon and operate.</li></ul>

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