

Introduction to Philosophy

Extra Credit #6: Moral Relativism

Due Date

Tuesday, October 11th, at the beginning of class.

Late extra credit assignments will *not* be accepted unless you and I agree on a reasonable accommodation *prior* to this due date.

Instructions

Your write-up should be 250–300 words in length and conform to the course’s “General Technical Requirements for Formatting Papers”. This should be submitted as a computer-type-written hardcopy directly to me.

This extra credit assignment has you listen to a podcast, available on the course website, and do a short write-up addressing some questions about it.

Topic

Listen to the *Philosophy Bites* episode with Simon Blackburn discussing moral relativism, and answer the following questions.

Questions

1. What does Blackburn mean by “moral relativism”? What reasons does he see for rejecting it? What is his position (called “quasi-realism”) concerning the nature of morality?
2. Do you agree or disagree with Blackburn’s rejection of moral relativism? Is quasi-realism a persuasive alternative?