Our Righteous Minds

Part 4

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MORALITY IS...

FIRST SHIFT
Rational → Intuitive & Emotional

SECOND SHIFT
Individualistic → Social context and constructs
MORALITY IS...

THIRD SHIFT
Focused on Multi-
Care & Justice dimensional (Moral Foundations Theory)

Moral Foundations Theory

4. Authority/Subversion
Forge beneficial relationships within hierarchies
Signs of dominance and submission
Bosses, respected professionals
Respect, Fear
Obedience, Deference
5. Sanctity/Degradation

Avoid contaminants
Waste products, diseased people
Taboo ideas (e.g. communism, racism)

Disgust
Temperance, chastity, piety, cleanliness

6. Liberty/Oppression

Live in groups yet prevent
Bullies from dominating
Efforts of Alpha Male (or Female) to dominate
Bullies, Tyrants, abuse of power

Righteous Anger
Love of Liberty
The "Public Goods" Game

\[ 80 \times 1.6 = 128 \]
\[ 128 \div 4 = 32 \]

The "Public Goods" Game

\[ 60 \times 1.6 = 96 \]
\[ 96 \div 4 = 24 \]
The “Public Goods” Game

Trend Over Time: DECREASE in CONTRIBUTION

Change in Rules: Punishment is Added

Surprise: 84%

Trend Over Time: INCREASE in CONTRIBUTION
THE LIBERAL MORAL MATRIX
Most Sacred Value: Care for Victims of Oppression
THE SOCIAL CONSERVATIVE MORAL MATRIX
Most Sacred Value: Preserve the Institutions and Traditions that Sustain the Moral Community

THE LIBERTARIAN MORAL MATRIX
Most Sacred Value: Maximize freedom of the Individual
Shifts in the moral bedrock
Tribes differ in their endorsement of the moral foundations

- Authority
- Care
- Fairness
- Loyalty
- Purity