

HDFS 2317 Learning Extension Activity

“The Seeds of Morality – Are Babies Little Bigots?”

Where did you get your sense of morality? Your parents? Your peers? Your religion? A combination of all of those? How humans reason through moral dilemmas has long been an area of interest in the fields of psychology and philosophy. You have studied Kohlberg’s Theory of Moral Development this week, so you know what stages exist in our moral development, but where does this sense of right vs. wrong, moral vs. immoral originate? The experiments in the following video will provide some compelling evidence!

Watch this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRvVFW85IcU> (approx. 13 min.)

First, select **one** of the experiments from the video and describe it. Be sure to include the following in your description. BE SPECIFIC in your responses. Your responses can be numbered or in narrative form.

1. On what research question was the experiment based?
2. Who were the subjects in the experiment? Be specific!
3. What was the methodology used? In other words, how was the experiment set up? Be sure to describe every step of the experiment.
4. What were the results of the experiment? Be specific!
5. What did the results of the experiment imply?
6. What do you think the limitations of the experiment were? Did the researchers not take something into consideration when designing the experiment?

One more thing...in a paragraph, discuss what these experimental results suggest about the biological and environmental origins of moral reasoning?

Grading Rubric:

1 point for each question 1-6 and 3 points for your concluding paragraph.

1 point for writing quality