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Resources: Cultural Perspectives and Bias



Introduction

The resources in this module provide insights about cultural perspectives and bias, which can affect ethical decision making.



Required Resources

Video: [Differences Between Western, Eastern, and Indigenous Tribal Ethic Ideologies](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LBfJn24vUY)
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LBfJn24vUY>).

This video, which you will use to help you complete this week's short paper and quiz, provides an overview of three ethical ideologies and outlines their differences. As you watch, listen, or read, consider the following:

- How can beliefs about good and evil affect ethical decision making?
- How can an ethical ideology influence how people perceive global issues such as sustainability?

Reading: [Why Ethical Philosophy Needs to Be Comparative](https://go.openathens.net/redirector/snhu.edu?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.jstor.org%2Fstable%2F40666541)
(<https://go.openathens.net/redirector/snhu.edu?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.jstor.org%2Fstable%2F40666541>).

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This resource, which you will use to help you complete this week's short paper, addresses the

importance of considering various traditions of ethical thought. As you read, consider the following:

- What are some important differences among various traditions?
- Why is it important to recognize cultural differences in decision making?

Video: 3 Kinds of Bias That Shape Your Worldview

(https://www.ted.com/talks/j_marshall_shepherd_3_kinds_of_bias_that_shape_your_worldview) (12:12)

This video, which you will use to help you complete this week's short paper, explains how three types of bias affect how we see the world. As you watch, listen, or read, consider the following:

- How does confirmation bias influence our perceptions of ethical issues?
- What role does cognitive dissonance play in shaping an individual's worldview?



Additional Support (Optional)

Reading: Native American Philosophy

(https://search.credoreference.com/content/entry/routwp/native_american_philosophy/0?institutionId=943)

This Shapiro Library resource, which you may use to help you complete this week's short paper, provides an overview of various Native American philosophies. As you read, consider the following:

- Why is it helpful to remember that multiple philosophies exist among various Native American peoples?
- How can what you believe about nature influence your everyday decision making?

Reading: African Philosophy

(https://search.credoreference.com/content/entry/hodderepe/african_philosophy/0?institutionId=943)

This Shapiro Library resource, which you may use to help you complete this week's short paper, discusses the origins and principles of African philosophy. As you read, consider the following:

- How did colonialism affect African ideologies?
- Why are cultural customs, traditions, and practices important in the decision-making process?

Reading: [African Ethics](https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/african-ethics/) (<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/african-ethics/>), Chapters 1, 3, 5, and 7 through 10

NOTE: The link for this resource takes you to a website where all the content will load. The contents of this resource appear after a short introduction, so you might need to scroll down to view it. Click on the links for assigned chapters.

These chapters, which you may use to help you complete this week's short paper, provide an overview of African ethics. As you read, consider the following:

- What shared values contribute to African ethics?
- How does the concept of "the common good" influence African ethical decision making?

Reading: [African Ethics](https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/african-ethics/) (<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/african-ethics/>), Chapters 4 and 6
In addition to the required chapters that were assigned earlier in the module, these two chapters provide additional information you may find useful in your understanding of African ethics.

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