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Ethics in the context of society: ethics, society and the law

Questions to stimulate reflection

What is the difference between an 'ethical issue' and a 'social issue'?

How are the rules that are the laws of the land related to the rules of morality?

What is the 'state of nature' and why is it important to political philosophers?

Are we morally obliged to obey the law? Why?

Is rebellion against the law ever justified? If so, when? What form might this rebellion take if it is to be morally acceptable?

What are the principles that guide decision-making in the context of the state?

Should citizens and subjects of a democracy contribute to the decision-making process? Why?