

OVERLAPPING OF MORALITIES

Travelers and Anthropologists have shown the enormous variety of moralities ~~to be~~ found in all the different human groups, such as tribes and occupations. But ^{they} ~~it~~ have also shown that all of the visible social groups share certain moral rules, such as group loyalty, mutual help among equals, and the prevention of crime inside the group, and (usually limited) forms of justice. The collection of these moral maxims shared by all the visible social groups may be called the minimal^{or} universal morality. Any social group that does not admit this minimum of moral rules is bound to break down. ~~The reason~~

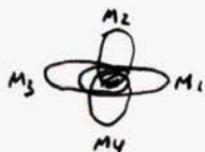


Fig. The minimal or universal morality is the intersection of the moral codes shared by all ^{visible} social groups.

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There is a minimal or universal morality because (a) all human beings share many more characteristics than the differences that distinguish them, and (b) all human groups exist by virtue of certain cohesive interactions, in particular collaboration.

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