

LOYALTY

Loyalty--to relative, friend, social group, or country--is an admirable virtue provided it does not result in unfairness to others. If it does, it is a vice: favoritism, nepotism, chauvinism, or the like. Therefore the only loyalty worth practicing is the loyalty to the largest social group that may be affected by one's actions or omissions. In crucial cases this group is no less than the whole of mankind.

