🇺🇸 MORALITY STANDARDS: SHOULD INDIVIDUALS INVENT THEIR OWN?

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Here's what provoked me:

Morality was once fairly consistent and enduring, at least as a standard or ideal. Of course, compliance was a matter of personal choice. Is this changing? Given the current popularity of moral relativism, political correctness, and other slippery concepts, are we becoming confused about how morality decisions should be made?

Here's my response:

Morality Standards: Should Individuals Invent Their Own?

Is there a trend to make morality choices a personal decision rather than looking to an external standard for guidance? Are ethical considerations becoming less relevant? Have moral standards slipped in priority such that two candidates were chosen in the last presidential election in spite of ethical charges swirling around them both?

Any culture requires some level of philosophical consistency and moral and ethical absolutes. Using only personal observations as evidence, I believe a deterioration started with my generation in the self-indulgent and rebellious 60s. Moral confusion and chaos has gained momentum ever since.

Our previous President added to the confusion in a 2004 interview. When asked what he considers a sin he stated, "Being out of alignment with my values." Does that mean he, individually, is the ultimate judge, without reference to theology, tradition, or moral absolutes as the basis?

Since personal feelings have become intermingled with moral judgements, it follows that too often a "feel good" option is chosen. Feelings can often be more persuasive than objective analysis. I believe political correctness is one result.

If someone is asked to make a moral judgement, I guess we shouldn't be surprised if we hear them respond: "Well, that depends."