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Moral judgment is one of the bases of decision-making. Theories such as deontology, utilitarianism, and virtue ethics inform moral judgment. Test can be conducted to investigate a person's way of moral judgment. This discussion compares parsimony test results and my approach to moral reasoning.

My moral parsimony score was 45 percent and this indicates that my approach to moral decisions is diverse. Even though moral principles may guide my decisions, application of the principles varies across circumstances. This is because low parsimony scores identify situational application of principles while high scores identify strict application of moral principles, despite difference in a person's environment.

The score represents the way my moral reasoning operates. My moral reasoning corresponds to utilitarian ethics. The theory supports decisions and actions that promote maximum good to a majority of members of the society. It means evaluating a case based on its isolated environment, to determine the number of people that a case affects and the degree of effect on each of the people. Overall benefits and harm are then compared and a decision made to support an option that yield maximum benefits. The utilitarian approach explains my diversity in moral reasoning because factors around a case affect my reasoning. This is contrary to a case in which focus is made on principles. This means that for any case that relate to a moral principle, moral decisions would be the same and parsimony score would be high.

The test yielded a 45 percent score and represents the way my moral

reasoning operates. This is because my reasoning values consequences of actions and not principles.