DISABLERS

What prevents us from acting on our values?

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CLASS COVENANT

• Listen & Participate Respectfully
  • no interrupting, share the discussion time, be brief

• Honesty, Relevance, Confidentiality

• Visual Aids & Handouts

• More Lecture & Discussion at End
Is It Moral?
Moral Foundations

- Care / Harm
- Liberty / Oppression
- Fairness / Cheating
- Loyalty / Betrayal
- Authority / Subversion
- Sanctity / Degradation
CARE/harm

• Adaptation—protect and care for children
• Triggers—suffering or neediness of child
• Emotions—compassion
• Virtues—caring, kindness
FAIRNESS/cheating

• Adaptation—create reciprocal partnerships
• Triggers—deception, cheating, cooperation
• Emotions—anger, guilt, gratitude
• Virtues—fairness, justice, trustworthiness
LOYALTY/betrayal

• Adaptation—form cohesive coalitions
• Triggers—threat or challenge to group
• Emotions—group pride, rage at traitors
• Virtues—loyalty, patriotism, self-sacrifice
AUTHORITY/subversion

• Adaptation—beneficial relationships in hierarchies
• Triggers—signs of dominance or submission
• Emotions—respect, fear
• Virtues—obedience, deference
SANCTITY/degradation

• Adaption—avoid contaminants
• Triggers—waste products, rotting food, diseases
• Emotions—disgust, awe
• Virtues—temperance, chastity, piety, cleanliness
LIBERTY/oppression

• Adaptation—resist domination to preserve liberty
• Triggers—bullies, tyranny
• Emotions—camaraderie, defiance
• Virtues—egalitarianism, liberty
Intuition comes first, strategic reasoning second.

Jonathan Haidt
Rider: The conscious, verbal, thinking brain

Elephant: The automatic, emotional, visceral brain
Introduction to Behavioral Ethics
DISABLERS

- negative emotions
- cognitive biases
- psychological pressures
- organizational demands
Rationalizations
Questions?
Closing Reflection

“This being human is a guest house. Every morning a new arrival. A joy, a depression, a meanness, some momentary awareness comes as an unexpected visitor.

...Be grateful for whoever comes, because each has been sent as a guide from beyond.”

Rumi, a Sufi poet