

Kindness Assignment Response

As mentioned in class, the “Kindness Assignment” was new this year, as an experiment. I (Prof. Schwitzgebel) am curious to hear whether you did it, what you did, and what if anything you learned from having done it or not having done it.

This question is entirely optional. Your answers to this question will not be graded. Neither the professor nor the TAs will read the answers until after the final grades are submitted.

You are welcome to put your name and your TA’s name on the back of this page or not to do so. If you put your TA’s name on the back of this page, I will share your answer with your TA after all the grades have been submitted.

What, if anything, did you do for the Kindness Assignment?

What, if anything, did you learn from doing the Kindness Assignment?

[Continue on the back for some further questions.]

[Kindness Assignment reflection continued]

Optional: Name: _____

Optional: TA: _____

Further questions you might wish to address below:

1. How do you feel about the fact that there is no formal accountability or reward for completing this assignment?
2. How do you feel about having spent ninety minutes in this way?
3. How do your answers to 1 and 2 fit with your understanding of the moral psychological views of Mengzi, Xunzi, Doris, and/or Staub?
4. A theme in the course is whether the world has a “moral order” in the sense that morally good people tend to prosper and morally bad people tend to suffer. How do your answers to 1 and 2 fit with your understanding this issue?
5. Should the professor give a version of the Kindness Assignment in the future?
6. If the Kindness Assignment is given again, what if anything would you recommend changing about it?