

Quiz on Rachels' "The Challenge of Cultural Relativism"

Cultural Relativism holds that there is no such thing as \_\_\_\_\_ in ethics.

1. universal suffrage
2. subjective values
3. universal truth
4. subjective truth

According to Rachels, what are three consequences of taking Cultural Relativism seriously?

Select three answers.

1. We embrace diversity and seek harmony among differences.
2. The idea of moral progress is called into doubt.
3. Racism disappears.
4. We could decide whether actions are right or wrong just by consulting the standards our society.
5. We could no longer say that the customs of other societies are morally inferior to our own.

Which of the following is *not* one of the values that Rachels argues all large societies must have?

1. The value of truth-telling
2. The value of prohibiting murder
3. The value of caring for infants (to the extent that it's possible)
4. The value of protection of private property

Which of these statements does Rachels reject?

1. Many of our practices are only cultural products.
2. Many of our practices are only cultural products, so all our practices must only be cultural practices.

What are the two positive lessons that we can take from Cultural Relativism, according to Rachels, without having to accept the whole theory? Select two answers.

1. Cultural practices are all that we have.
2. There is a danger in assuming that all our preferences are based on some absolute moral standard.
3. Some cultures are more evolved than others.
4. Our feelings are not necessarily perceptions of the truth -- they may be nothing more than the result of cultural conditioning.