

My Philosophy Statement Inspired by Relativity

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As a young woman, I believe in equality, success, and peace for all people. However, this is not the current reality of the world and I am not sure if it ever will be. The idea of relativity continues to dominate my daily thoughts. Within a historical context, we take history and learn from either the mistakes or accomplishments of other people, so it becomes a cyclical realm of people influencing others, which is odd considering that no one is superior.

With the idea of relativity, everything is true while nothing is true. Everyone thinks based on their own perspective that could be influenced by their experiences, dreams, or knowledge. We all have a different idea of what is considered “true” and “moral,” so when we discuss ethics, values, and the definitions of who is good and who is not, it's all based on our own perspectives.

In a historical context, many have used their perspectives to manipulate and lie to others to achieve their own goal, and an extreme example would be Hitler, a man who manipulated other authority figures to carry out a mass genocide that still impacts us today. On a more personalized level, within my own university on topics regarding ethics and threats against humanity, we have created these ideas based off of history and our own feelings. Based on an experiential level, the majority and minorities could never tell the experiences of their opposites. Another interesting aspect of relativity are the definitions of characteristics such as kindness, rudeness, happiness, etc. I'm frequently misunderstood by people and in turn I'm referenced as “mean, sensitive, too nice, and naive.” Of course these are the judgements and labels that are placed onto me from other people, and like most of humanity, I take these labels and I apply them to myself. In reality, that doesn't really make sense, because only I truly know and live with myself.

In a humanities standpoint, the world is constantly being polarized, due to the lack of an economic, political, social, and religious consensus. In most nations, there are multiple political parties, religions, races, etc. In reality, no one is “true” and can define themselves as the superior “force” or “decision maker,” which supports the idea that everything is relative, even our social definitions. In a historical and current context, the world can see that not everyone believes in even the basic rights of freedom, rather us as human beings are incapable of finding a definition for freedom.

My main philosophy emphasizes that everyone is their own person with their own idealized and personalized styles of living and advising. Since I have followed this philosophy, I am able to understand myself better as well as the world around me. Costa Rica was a life changing academically, and it broadened my philosophy in understanding the plight of others. Costa Rica is rich historically and our curriculum explored its relationship to other countries who were facing similar issues such as racial discrimination, inequality, and human rights. In regards to building my individuality and independence, I try to focus on productivity and areas I can improve in which in turn aids my ability in meeting others and creating strong relationships. Each day, I try to be the kindest most helpful person I can be, by my definition. I hope to one day teach and advocate for others who are vocal about their needs for change and inform me of how I can be effective in their life. Effectiveness and honesty are key, even in the idea of relativity.

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