

FEMINISM & THE ETHICS OF CARE

PHIL 102

Ethics, Politics, & Law

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Lecture Nine

MORAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Cognitive development**
- **Moral development**
- **Lawrence Kohlberg's stages**
 - **Pre-conventional**
 - **Conventional**
 - **Post-conventional**
- **Carol Gilligan**
- **Gilligan's research project(s)**



HEINZ'S DILEMMA

In Europe a woman was near death from a very special kind of cancer. There was one drug that doctors thought might save her. It was a form of radium that a druggist in the same town had recently discovered. The drug was expensive to make, but the druggist was charging ten times what the drug cost him to make. He paid \$200 for the radium and charged \$2,000 for a small dose of the drug. The sick woman's husband, Heinz, went to everyone he knew to borrow the money, but he could only get together about \$1,000, which is half of what it cost. He told the druggist that his wife was dying, and asked him to sell it cheaper or let him pay later. But the druggist said, "No, I discovered the drug and I'm going to make money from it." So Heinz got desperate and broke into the man's store to steal the drug for his wife. Should Heinz have done that? Why?

JAKE & AMY

- **Your response to the Heinz dilemma**
- **Justification, not judgment, matters**
- **Jake and Amy**
- **Jake's response**
- **Amy's response**
- **Is one more mature than the other?**
- **Gilligan's hypothesis**
- **Different moral "voices"**

GENDER DIFFERENCES

- **Do men and women think differently?**
- **Do we have different moral voices?**
- **Are the differences biological?**
- **Are they cultural?**
- **Is one way of moral reasoning “higher”?**
- **Kohlberg’s answer**
- **Gilligan’s answer**
- **Some feminists’ answers**

TEST CASES

- **Family, friends, and impartiality**
- **Starving children**
- **Animals**
- **Abortion**