# Kant and Deontological Ethics

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|  | 1. Identify the main idea of each section in 15 or fewer words.<br>2. Write down one question you have regarding the passage from each section<br>Cogito (shhhh - it's secret) |
| A.  Good will is good not because of what it performs or effects, not by its aptness for the attainment of some proposed end, but simply by virtue of the volition; that is, it is good in itself. | |
| B.  Thus the moral worth of an action does not lie in the effect expected from it,  . . . The pre-eminent good which we call moral can therefore consist in nothing else than the conception of law in itself, which certainly is only possible in a rational being, in so far as this conception, and not the expected effect, determines the will. This is a good which is already present in the person who acts accordingly, and we have not to wait for it to appear first in the result. | |
| C.  (Ethical) Duty is the necessity of acting from respect for the (moral) law [which is defined by reason and takes the following two forms called categorical imperatives:] | |
| D.  [version one of the categorical imperative] I am never to act otherwise than so that I could also will that my maxim should become a universal law. | |
| E.  [version two of the categorical imperative] Man and generally any rational being exists as an end in himself, not merely as a means to be arbitrarily used by this or that will, but in all his actions, whether they concern himself or other rational beings, must be always regarded at the same time as an end   . . . So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only. | |

| Benefits of Kant's ideas as an ethical tool (brainstorm as many as possible) | Problems of Kant's ideas an ethical tool (brainstorm as many as possible) |
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1.  According to the Kant, what is the standard for determining right and wrong?  Highlight a quote and label it .

2.  How does this standard differ from that proposed by the utilitarians?  Discuss and then explain.

What contemporary situations (think about the PSA project) might the Kantian approach help us to resolve. ? Brainstorm 3 and briefly explain how Kant might be useful in resolving each one

Based on one of the situations above, write a KQ progression (KC-KQ1-KQ2)