

Ethics versus Morals Comparison Chart

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A person strictly following Ethical Principles may not have any Morals at all. Likewise, one could violate Ethical Principles within a given system of rules in order to maintain Moral integrity.	Ethics are dependent on others for definition. They tend to be consistent within a certain context, but can vary between contexts.
Because we believe in something being right or wrong.	Greek word "ethos", meaning "character"
Morality transcends cultural norms.	Social system - External
Principles or habits with respect to right or wrong conduct. While morals also prescribe dos and don'ts, morality is ultimately a personal compass of right and wrong.	Usually consistent, although can change if an individual's beliefs change.
Latin word "mos", meaning "custom"	Because society says it is the right thing to do.
The rules of conduct recognized in respect to a particular class of human actions or a particular group or culture.	Ethics are governed by professional and legal guidelines within a particular time and place.
	Individual - Internal

Ethics

Morals

What are they?

Where do they come from?

Why we do it?

Flexibility

The "Gray"

Origin

Acceptability