

Food: A Selection of Issues

1. Human Welfare & Industrial Agriculture
 - a. Health: Nutrition, Obesity, Hunger
 - b. Health: Food-borne illnesses
 - c. Worker's Rights
 - d. Communities and small farms
 - e. Global politics, global justice
2. Environment & Industrial Agriculture
 - a. Pollution & Sustainability
 - i. Soil and nutrients
 - ii. Water
 - b. Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)
3. Animal Welfare: Suffering and/or Death
 - a. Poultry
 - b. Pigs
 - c. Cows
 - d. Marine animals
 - e. Eggs
 - f. Milk
 - g. Other
4. Knowledge and Science
 - a. Knowledge and transparency
 - b. Management of expert knowledge: government policy, consumers' rights
 - c. Scientific standards, evidence, research
5. Culture
 - a. Cultural histories of food and manners
 - b. Advertising & popular culture
 - c. Food and "identity," food and values
 - d. Eating disorders
 - e. Haute cuisine, food pleasures, food aesthetics
 - f. Government subsidies, WTO, food aid
6. Activism
 - a. Urban agriculture
 - b. Locavorism
 - c. Vegetarianism/Veganism/Animal Welfare
 - d. Fair Trade
 - e. Organic food
 - f. Food recovery
 - g. Anti-GMOs, labeling
 - h. Food security
 - i. Child nutrition programs: Better food in schools
 - j. Slow food movement

Reasons: A selection of considerations in favor of a course of action

Prudential (...because it is in my self-interest), e.g.,

Health (...because it promotes my health, ...because my health requires it)

Wealth (...because it promotes my wealth)

Popularity (...because it makes me popular/attractive to others)

Power (...because it promotes my/my group's power)

Cultural (...because it is culturally required), e.g.,

Ethnic (...because it makes us who we are as a group)

Manners/Etiquette (...because it shows respect for others in our milieu)

Role (...because this is required of those in my social role)

Convention (...because it is conventional to do X by Ying)

Legal (...because it is required by law)

Custom (...because it is our custom)

Authoritative (...because an authority commands it)

Theistic (...because it is commanded by God)

Homage: (...because it shows due respect)

Aesthetic (...because it is beautiful)

Hedonic (...because it is pleasurable)

Conative (...because I want to)

Personal meaning (...because it is meaningful to me)

Relational (...because someone I love/respect/obey wants me to)

Epistemic (...because I knew it was the thing to do)

Expert/Testimonial (...because an expert told me to)

Intuitive (...because my gut/intuition told me to)

Ethical (because it is the right thing for an individual in this situation to do), e.g.,

Consequentialist (...because it has the best overall consequences)

Deontological (...because it is in keeping with duty, e.g., ...because I promised to)

Virtue (...because it promotes/expresses individual virtue, e.g., ...because it is courageous)

Permissive (...because I/we have a right to it)

Social/political (...because it is the right way to organize the community (all humanity)), e.g.,

Fairness/Justice (...because it is fair/just)

Equality (...because it promotes the equality of all persons)

Democratic (...because it promotes/exemplifies democracy)

Efficiency (...because this is the most efficient way to organize a group)

Tradition (...because this is the way it has always been done)

Survival (...because otherwise I/my group would not survive)

Nature (...because this is the natural way to do it)

Intrinsic (...because it is good in itself)

Note that reasons *in favor of* a course of action are not the same as *causes* of the course of action.

Examples of *causes* include:

Physical (...because I was fed it as an infant)

Neurological (...because humans instinctively crave salt when depleted)

Evolutionary (...because it was selected through evolutionary processes)

Psychological (...because I cannot stop myself, ...because I was a rebellious adolescent, ...because I knew of no alternative)

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