

Loyalty

The Structure of Loyalty

- Types of Loyalty
 - Ontological- humans, to some degree, are loyal by nature
 - We rely on family, society, etc to learn how to be a good person and we show them loyalty by acting on what they teach us- being a good person
 - Loyalty as a virtue- a response that we cultivate; we make it second nature to be loyal to be people we have bonds with, we want to be loyal
- Dimension- fidelity
 - Deficiency - fickleness
 - Excess- blind allegiance

Discussion of how partiality relates to loyalty- we are at least partial to those close to us but impartial to most others

Ontological Loyalty

- Loyalty and identity- who we are comes from how we were raised
- Loyalty and friendship- attachment and partiality; we are very attachment oriented as humans which leads us to certain partiality (evolutionary)
- Enduring relationships
- Partiality and ethics
- Loyalty and contingency

Loyalty as a Virtue

- The good
- Reason
- Motivation/emotion
- Behavior/habits- someone could tell you, you are a loyal person
- Practical wisdom- PW must be engaged

Loyalty and the Community

- Real community requires loyalty
 - Community vs. "lifestyle choices"
 - Lifestyle enclave- you do as long as it is good for you but you can leave whenever
 - Cultural loyalty- we have a loyalty to our "group"
- Betrayal
 - Love relationships
 - Group
 - Nation

Community and Loyalty

-Loyalty encouraging community features:

- Community identity
- Community pride
 - History
 - Meaning
 - Specialness
- Loyalty discouraging community features
 - Individualism
 - Materialism- if the goal is having stuff, loyalty to people would come second
 - Excessive competitiveness