

# Care ethics from men's perspective



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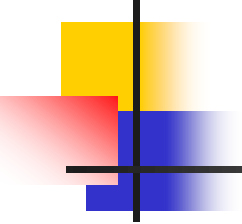
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- **Are there differences between men and women?**



# Evolutionary approach

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- **Humans emerged from lower animals**
- **We still have strong instincts**
- **Frans de Waal: in some primates exist primitive mechanisms of morality**
- **Perspective taking - empathy**
- **Consolation - compassion**

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- **Social construct is the claim of feminists that there is no difference between sexes**
  - **Differences are not sharp**
  - **Unmanly men and masculine women**
  - **We can consider differences with some reservations**



# Care is task of women

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- **Care for children and for household**
- **In medicine cure / care**
- **Emphasis is on human relations and interdependence**
- **Empathy is mainly emotional, empathic woman feels others**
- **Of course, she also thinks and make rational plans**



# Men's perspective

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- **Man understands mainly cognitively**
- **Individualistic concepts of the human being – is free and self-determined**
- **People aim at material profit and consider potential risk**
- **Informed consent is agreement done between two self-determined persons**



# Men's perspective

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- **Environmental health is a matter of experts, provided for self-determined persons**
- **One day experts will fully understand our world and they will help humans to organize everything in such a way that everybody will be happy**



# Two weak points

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- **Men are free but isolated and alone**
- **The world is extremely complex. And we never will be able to understand the world sufficiently to make everybody happy**





# **In fact human being is not isolated**

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- **Human being exists in relations with other people**
- **1923 Martin Buber: I and You**
- **1927 Martin Heidegger: Sein und Zeit (Being and time)**
- **Emanuel Levinas: Totalité et infini, (Totality and infinity)**



# Group analysis

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- **The patient is group**
- **Group can be functional and dysfunctional**
- **Group unconsciousness**
- **In human mind we can see besides I (ego) also instance “we”**



# Economy

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- **1988 Amitai Etzioni: The Moral Dimension: Toward a New Economics**
- **2012 Tomáš Sedláček: Economics of the good and evil**
- **Invisible hand of market must be balanced by invisible hand of morality**



# Men's care

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- **Care means to take in account as much perspectives as it is possible**
- **That is possible only in group setting**
- **Dialogue and deliberation**
- **Perspective taking of people concerned**



# **“Men’s version” of care ethics**

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- **Based on negotiation, dialogue and deliberation**
- **Care shows respect for perspectives of all stakeholders**



**Thanks for your attention**

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