

Lawrence Kohlberg's  
cognitivist model of moral development  
with Habermas, Gilligan, Dreyfus and Heidegger additions

Stage 1 Kohlberg	Pre-conventional 1 Infantile	Satisfaction of needs and avoidance of punishment; involved ethical comportment
Stage 2	Pre-conventional 2 Egotistic	Self-interest orientation; What's in it for me? You scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours
Stage 3	Conventional 1 Tribal	Conforming to stereotypical images of majority behavior; filling social roles
Stage 4	Conventional 2 Conservative	Following fixed rules, social conventions and laws; retaining the given social order
Stage 5	Post-conventional 1 Democratic	Social contract driven; conventions and laws can change; greatest good through compromise and majority decision
Stage 6	Post-conventional 2 Revolutionary	Principled; guidance by universal ethical principles; commitment to justice transcending unjust laws
Stage 7	Transcendental (speculative) Transformational	Transcendental Morality or Morality of Cosmic Orientation; integrating religion with moral reasoning
Stage 8 Habermas	Dialectic dialogical (last rational stage)	Rational agreement through dialectical dialogue sublating lower levels
Stage 9 Gilligan	Caring (first intuitive stage)	Caring, emphatic, non-cognitive, involved know-how within context of narrative of relationships that extends over time; giving up rules and maxims; contextual relativistic
Stage 10 Dreyfus 1	Expert	Intuitive response to the unique situation out of a fund of experience in the culture; intuitively doing what the culture deems good
Stage 11 Dreyfus 2, Heidegger	Authentic	Visionary response to unique, concrete, existential <i>Situation</i> , disclosed in and through resoluteness by the call of conscience