

Evaluation of Utilitarianism

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3. **Why** are the strengths and weaknesses of utilitarianism important?

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Utilitarianism has various strengths and weaknesses. Its strengths include the fact that it is relatively simple, commonsensical, and forward-thinking; its weaknesses include the fact that it is deceptively difficult to formulate, hard to apply, and absent public rules. Make a note about the strengths and weaknesses of utilitarianism.

Strengths and Weaknesses of Utilitarianism	
Strengths	Weaknesses

2. **How** do the strengths and weaknesses of utilitarianism work?

Some strengths and weaknesses of utilitarianism are particularly robust, and these are the ones used to support the most convincing cases for and against this normative ethical theory. Make a note about how the most robust strengths and weaknesses of utilitarianism work.

Strengths of Utilitarianism

Supported by Nature	Underpins All Ethics	Easy to Justify

Weaknesses of Utilitarianism

Prohibits Rest	Not Coherent	Permits Evil

3. **Why** are the strengths and weaknesses of utilitarianism important?

Ethicists can use the strengths and weaknesses of utilitarianism to evaluate the theory as a whole. They can do this by judging different types of utilitarianism using criteria devised for evaluating normative ethical theories. Consider the strengths and weaknesses of utilitarianism and make a note about why they are important to this process.

Why the Strengths and Weaknesses of Utilitarianism Are Important

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