

# Society and Utilitarianism

1. **What** is the relationship between society and utilitarianism?
2. **How** does the relationship between society and utilitarianism work?
3. **Why** is the relationship between society and utilitarianism important?

1. **What** is the relationship between society and utilitarianism?

The relationship between society and utilitarianism is defined by what utilitarianism and society are. To recap, utilitarianism is a teleological ethical theory that promotes actions that produce the most good; society is a community of members who interact with one another. Make a note about utilitarianism and society.

## Utilitarianism

## Society

2. **How** does the relationship between society and utilitarianism work?

In more economically developed countries, the relationship between society and utilitarianism is often most obvious in two areas: economic policy and legal change. Additionally, in the United Kingdom, utilitarianism has a significant impact on the process of technology appraisal undertaken by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) to identify the most cost-effective medicines and treatments for the NHS. Make a note about three aspects of society impacted by utilitarianism.

## How the Relationship between Society and Utilitarianism Works

Aspect of Society	How
Economic Policy	

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Legal Change	
Technology Appraisal	

3. **Why** is the relationship between society and utilitarianism important?

One significant reason why the relationship between society and utilitarianism is important is that utilitarianism appears to reinforce democracy. In 2019, the Pew Research Center showed that more utilitarian countries appear to be more satisfied with democratic government. Make a note about how utilitarianism supports democracy.

## How Utilitarianism Supports Democracy

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Beyond the support that utilitarianism appears to provide for democracy, the relationship between society and utilitarianism is important for other reasons. Make a note of three additional reasons why the relationship between society and utilitarianism is important.

## Why the Relationship between Society and Utilitarianism Is Important

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