

Context of Situation Ethics

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1. **What** is the context of situation ethics?

Situation ethics arose during the mid-twentieth century in response to several social movements spawned in the aftermath of World War II when historically marginalised minorities were better placed to assert their demands for a fairer future. Make a note outlining the different social movements that influenced situation ethics.

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In Christian ethics, situation ethics was the response to the counterculture of the 1960s and 1970s, which incorporated several campaigns, including the civil rights movement (1954-1968), second-wave feminism (1960s-1980s), and the gay liberation movement (1960s-1970s). Make a note outlining the wider context of situation ethics.

Counterculture of the 1960s and 1970s

2. **How** has the context of situation ethics influenced situation ethics?

Situation ethics was inspired by the counterculture of the 1960s and 1970s; however, it is difficult to determine how different campaigns (e.g. the American civil rights movement, second-wave feminism, and the gay liberation movement) affected its development. Notwithstanding this, race-based, sex-based, and sexuality-based discrimination were obvious concerns for early situation ethicists, all of whom struggled to reconcile the way that some scripture and many traditions treated minorities with the example set by Jesus. Explain how context influenced the development of situation ethics.

How the Context of Situation Ethics Influenced Situation Ethics

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3. **Why** is the context of situation ethics important?

The context of situation ethics is extremely important: it helps to explain why situation ethics exists. Beyond this, there are various reasons why the context of situation ethics is essential to a thorough understanding of this normative ethical theory. Make a note of three reasons why the context of situation ethics is important.

Why the Context of Situation Ethics Is Important

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