



MORAL COURAGE

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Goals

Definition

We define moral courage as someone standing up for someone or something which the person believes in without thinking about the following consequences for him- /herself.

The opinion is mostly against the “rules” of society -> the person remains unintimidated and strengthens him-/herself for one another.

This includes challenging others who are behaving inappropriately, and to resist the exploitation of professional opportunity for private benefit rather than the public interest.

Importance

Moral courage is important when it comes to changing social standards. One person who is not afraid to take a stand for his/ her beliefs can already change a lot, especially when you are in a leading position.

better to be a chicken:

First of all, you have to assess the situation. If it is too dangerous it is no shame to act cowardly. Sometimes the only possibility you have is to call the police. If you would put yourself in a serious situation for example in a gun fight it is better to keep distance.

Pros and Cons:

Advantage	Disadvantage
To make a world-changing difference	To put yourself in danger
To help others in need	To make yourself also a target (bullying)
To foster cohesion	
To give every generation the chance to live as we do	

Moral Courage in the future

Speaking about moral courage in general there are some interesting things to spend some thoughts on concerning moral courage in the future. Will moral courage be important? Will it be superfluous? It is hardly possible to generalise the importance of moral courage in the future. That is the reason why we took a closer look on three different aspects.

The first part is humanity. The next one is human rights and finally the effects on climate. The decision in these three topics were made by asking our self what the most important issues are now a days, if they still be important tomorrow and if there are any new aspects that need to be taken in consideration.

The connection between moral courage and humanity or human rights is very obvious, still it deserves a closer look and some explanations.

But when it comes to climate it may seem like it does not have so much in common at first sight but going in more detail changes in climate can only be reached by standing up for what you believe in this goes hand in hand with means moral courage.

We need to create a future where everybody has a voice and is not scared of raising it!

Humanity

Talking about moral courage and our future one point that comes to one's mind is humanity. Humanity has been important in history, it is important today and it will even be more important in the future.

Care- & HealthCare-Systems

Population is getting older due to better health systems and medical care. Besides this good news it raises also one issue that affects our society. There is a lack of Caregivers because a lot of people do not want to do the job. Homecare is often seen as a family issue while the real problem, the shortage educated caregivers, is left behind. Families often do not have enough money to adjust caregivers. Staying at home to look after their relatives is in this case also no option because this means a massive loss of income. Moral courage is asked to

take action. A system needs to be developed where the oldest and most experienced members of our society are treated with respect and appreciation.

Could home care groups like kindergartens be an idea? Do we need to expand retirement homes? We need to motivate people to work as caregiver. Voluntary work in retirement homes or as home carer can be a solution. We need to make working, for example a day per week, as a caregiver more popular. Last but not least fair payment for caregivers would probably also motivate more people and make the job more attractive.

Developing Countries

An issue the western countries tend to leave behind are developing countries. Since early days developing countries get exploited by the western community. A barrier between the rich people and the poor people existed forever and is expanding since then. The fact that poor countries still get exploited does not work against this trend.

The situation today did not change much. Developing countries are still used to produce large numbers for little money. The human rights of the workers are often ignored, and they have to work under the worst circumstances.

Another point where moral courage can drive change in the future. For massive impact the whole western society is asked to take action. Deny products where people got exploited in the production. Taking some impact with little effort can be to buy Fairtrade products or local stuff. Accept the fact that products are getting more expensive due to the producers earning fair payment.

If all people from so-called "first worlds" waive some privileges in favour of people from developing countries the gap between rich and poor, between first world and third world will shrink.

Universities for example could finance all the study-fees for one or two students from developing countries.

All of these small or maybe even big steps we can achieve now will show reward in the future. It will lead to a fairer place to live in and most important it will be the cornerstone for more moral courage inspired projects in the next decades.

Self-portrayal

When it comes to self-portrayal a lot of change already happened in the buying behaviour. People stopped focusing on things that we possess. This leads to a more responsible usage and to less waste. In the future people will even care less about things like this and care more about the environment and the social surrounding which therefore raises moral courage. People start listening to what you say instead of being hypnotised by the things you possess.

As a result, society learned to differentiate which news are trustworthy and which are not. This trend will continue in the future. Due to moral courage people learned to stand up for themselves and this leads to a rising self-esteem. In the future people will be outstanding and no followers. When they see a post on social media or read the newspaper they will not belief everything they see. They will question the content and moreover they will discuss it with their friends and do what they think is right instead of what they are told to do. Especially when it comes to socially critical topics people will stand up for others and show more moral courage.

Human rights

Generally speaking, basic needs are changing more and more.

Previously, these were quenched if we had enough to eat or drink.

But nowadays and probably in the future, these aspects are taken for granted and it is almost expected that everyone has the newest technologies such as mobile phones or a computer. Because of this we also tend to take moral courage for granted. We do not see the need of acting alone because we think someone else will help anyway. When everyone shares exactly this thought nobody will help in the end and moral courage fades away.



➔ The distribution can be compared to the Maslow pyramid. We all are in the stage of self-actualization and all of the lower stages are getting lumped together as basic needs.

Furthermore, we think that the next generations will be more open minded and tolerant in aspects like women rights, migration & homophobia because we have already achieved great progress concerning these points.

Women rights

In the future, men and women, no matter at the workplace or at home, will have equal rights. It is to say that a few years ago it was inconceivable that the woman would go to work while the man stayed at home with their child.

Moreover, they will hopefully also have the same career chances and will get the same payment for the same work.

Migration

The population has to overcome the belief that people's qualities are influenced by their race or that other races are not as good as the members of their own. It is to say that people in the future will know that we are only strong together and that there is no pure race. We think the goal for the future is to live in a multicultural society.

Homophobia

early days: In the past, homosexuality was considered as a curable disease.

In addition, some people did not even dare to come out and married a man/woman and were unhappy their whole life.

nowadays: Today it is everyone's own decision, but there are still some critics for example children could get bullied in school if they have two mothers or two fathers. Moreover, it is still not natural that people have other sexual orientations.

future: In the future everyone will be allowed to marry whoever he/she wants and also have the right to adopt children. Because everyone will realize that being different is nothing bad.

Racism

Unfortunately, racism is still existing, and it is hard to imagine that this will ever change. The general belief that there is one pure race is simply not true. This can easily be shown by DNA-tests. These tests can give the information about your origins. Due to this knowledge people would probably be able to accept the fact that there are no races at all.

Climate:

Climate change is a serious threat and one of the biggest issues we have to deal with right now and in the future. It is mainly caused by greenhouse gases. They trap the sun heat and stop it from leaking back into space. This is the reason why the surface of the earth gets hotter each day.

There have been similar periods before but this one is different because in this occasion humans are the ones to blame. Many gases occur naturally but human activity is increasing the concentrations of some of them in the atmosphere. To be more specific CO₂ is the most commonly produced greenhouse gas. It is responsible for 64% of man-made global warming. Even though it is an already existing issue it will follow us, and we will struggle with it in the near future if we do not take action now. We can for example start buying local, saving energy and reducing emissions by taking the bike for short distances instead of going by car.

We have to agree on a need on action and have to take care of our environment. A program was founded called "Global Goals" which encourages people to take action and to make the world a better place to live in through moral courage. These goals have the power to not only stop climate change but also end poverty and fight inequality. Guided by the goals, it is now up to us. We live with the excuse that we cannot change anything alone. But that thought is not true at all. It is actually quite the contrary because if one starts, others will follow. Therefore, we have to get together and start thinking about our actions. Because the greatest movement we can actually achieve is to raise awareness.

This topic comes hand in hand with moral courage in the future because we have to think about what is going to happen next. Everybody should have a chance to live on a beautiful earth such as we do! Therefore, we have to care of our environment so that the next generations do not have to struggle with the pandora box we already opened.

Conclusion

Our forecast of mural courage in the future is very optimistic and we really hope that it will actually turn out this way. But on the other hand, you have to keep in mind that things can also go into the wrong direction. It is possible that people get even more egoistic than they already are. This can lead to not caring about health care systems, developing countries, human right or the environment. In this case we cannot think of any positive outcome.