

Philosophy 3334 Spring 2020
Reading questions #8
Due Tue, March 10

1) Read Sober's "Prospects for an Evolutionary Ethics". Imagine that I had the following view you might call "Cultural Relativism": I believe that moral right and wrong is relative to the particular culture that you are in. For example, it is wrong to own slaves now in the 21st century in the United States, but it was not wrong in the American South in the early 19th century because it was acceptable in that culture.

Given his classification of metaethical views, how would Sober classify this view? Why?

2) How do you think that Sober would respond to the following argument:

- 1) Morality is a product of our brains.
- 2) Our brains are a product of evolution.
- 3) Therefore, morality is a product of evolution. So obviously evolutionary ethics is correct.

2) After reading the article, come up with a question that you want answered or a topic that you would like to be discussed. This could be something that the article forced you think about or it could be something that you thought was particularly confusing.