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ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Brown, C. (1998). Moral relativism and moral objectivity. The Philosophical Quarterly, 48(192), 387-390.

 This article gives a review of moral relativism and objectivity from the stand point of moral options. This is helpful in understand the contrast between the two separate ideas. The illustration of relativism and objectivism will assist in making the argument of my research paper clearer.

Dion, M. (2010). Corruption and ethical relativism: What is at stake? Journal of Financial Crime, 17(2), 240-250. doi:http://lynn-lang.student.lynn.edu:2079/10.1108/13590791011033926

 The author lays out a very detailed structure and definition of corruption. Dion illustrates how ethical relativism is a philosophy that can contribute the abandonment of moral duties and corruption. This article makes the argument that moral relativism produces negative societal values. The findings of this article supports my thesis that moral relativism is counter the social order.

Evans, B. (2002). Moral relativism 101. InformationWeek, (887), 122. Retrieved from <https://lynn-lang.student.lynn.edu/login?url=https://lynn-> lang.student.lynn.edu:2556/docview/229192645?accountid=36334

Evans, the author illustrates the contradictory nature of moral relativism. With detailed scenarios, he describes the absurdity and chaos that is produced by morally relativistic thinking. This article gives a basic illustration about what moral relativism is. This introduction to the idea of moral relativism supports my thesis by illustrating its connection to erosion of social order.

Evensky, J. (1998). Adam smith's moral philosophy: The role of religion and its relationship to philosophy and ethics in the evolution of society. History of Political Economy, 30(1), 17.

 This article is a review of philosopher Adam Smith’s theory that religious moral system are the evolutionary basis for social order. Smith illustrates how the religious moral system developed and evolved prior to a separate system of law to enable society to function in an orderly and productive fashion. This article demonstrates a logical rational that civilized orderly society is structured upon absolute moral values. The theory that moral principles are the foundation for social order and productivity are central to the thesis of my research paper.

Gozzi, G. (2007). History of international law and western civilization. International Community Law Review, 9(4), 353-373.

 The author discusses the origin of law in Western Europe. Gozzi shows that the basis of modern European law evolved out of Christian countries. He contrasts the Christian origins of law with that of later developing countries. The article shows the religious origins of Western law. The article supports my thesis by showing that historically social order has been maintained by moral absolutism.

Gray, P. (2012). The origins of morality: an evolutionary account Dennis L. Krebs, 2011 Oxford, UK, Oxford University Press US

This article reviews the ideas put forth by Dennis Krebs in his book on the origins of morality. Krebs describes how morality are evolutionary prosocial behaviors developed to help animals participate and work together for survival. The idea presented that morality is the product of an evolutionary survival strategy. It is validated in its success of failure by species survival in a competitive environment. This supports my thesis that morality is not relative to a subjective point of view, but is based on objective verifiable value.

Kleinig, J. (2009). Thinking ethically about needle and syringe programs. Substance Use & Misuse, 41(6-7), 815-825. doi:10.1080/10826080600668670

 This article discusses talks about the ethical issues raised in criminalization of intravenous drug use. The article makes a case that facilitating drug use with clean needles is an affective harm reduction strategy. My research paper will ask the question, is the moral relativistic idea of harm reduction is challenged by the recent exponential lethality of fentanyl. I will argue that moral relativistic strategy actually resulted in harm intensification. This article will provide a case on how moral relativism threatens social order.

Schafer, K. (2012). Assessor relativism and the problem of moral disagreement. The Southern Journal of Philosophy, 50(4), 602-602.

 Schafer provides justification for arguments of moral relativism. His details moral dilemmas where moral relativity is used to can be used to resolve disagreement. This article provides examples of moral relativistic arguments and assists with familiarizing with their structure. This article assists my research paper in displaying how moral relativistic philosophy works.

Strand, M. (2015). The genesis and structure of moral universalism: Social justice in victorian britain, 1834-1901. Theory and Society : Renewal and Critique in Social Theory, 44(6), 537-573. doi:10.1007/s11186-015-9261-8

 This article illustrates how religion evolved into the climate of social justice in Victorian Britain. This article will show how religious values evolved into social moral values. This article will support my thesis of the religious basis for morality in society.

Sunshine, J., & Tyler, T. (2003). Moral solidarity, identification with the community, and the importance of procedural justice: The police as prototypical representatives of a group's moral values\*. Social Psychology Quarterly, 66(2), 153-165. Retrieved from <https://lynn-> lang.student.lynn.edu/login?url=https://lynn- lang.student.lynn.edu:2556/docview/212711678?accountid=36334

 This article illustrates how police are considered the moral representatives of the community. It argues that the police are the actualization of moral community standards and that their authority originates from the just execution of that authority. I will use these conclusions to discuss what happens in a community when the community standard is relativism.

Conclusion

 The conclusion of my research analysis is that social order is based upon absolute values such as freedom from personal victimization, property rights and acceptable standards of conduct. Moral relativism threatens social order by arguing that the priorities and values that social order is based upon are arbitrary.

 Schafer, K. (2012). Assessor relativism and the problem of moral disagreement. *The Southern Journal of Philosophy,* *50*(4), 602-602.