

## Video Game Discussion – *Papers, Please*

### Resources

- *Papers, Please* - [http://store.steampowered.com/app/239030/Papers\\_Please/](http://store.steampowered.com/app/239030/Papers_Please/) or <https://www.humblebundle.com/store/papers-please>
- Article about the history of passports - <https://daily.jstor.org/papers-please-invention-passport/>
- “Choices and Consequence in *Papers, Please*” - <http://www.popmatters.com/post/183289-papers-please-morality/>

**Ethics** and **morals** relate to “right” and “wrong” conduct. While they are sometimes used interchangeably, they are different: **ethics** refer to rules provided by an external source, e.g., codes of conduct in workplaces or principles in religions. **Morals** refer to an individual’s own principles regarding right and wrong.

### Comparison chart

Ethics versus Morals comparison chart

	Ethics	Morals
<b>What are they?</b>	The rules of conduct recognized in respect to a particular class of human actions or a particular group or culture.	Principles or habits with respect to right or wrong conduct. While morals also prescribe dos and don'ts, morality is ultimately a personal compass of right and wrong.
<b>Where do they come from?</b>	Social system - External	Individual - Internal
<b>Why we do it?</b>	Because society says it is the right thing to do.	Because we believe in something being right or wrong.
<b>Flexibility</b>	Ethics are dependent on others for definition. They tend to be consistent within a certain context, but can vary between contexts.	Usually consistent, although can change if an individual’s beliefs change.
<b>The "Gray"</b>	A person strictly following Ethical Principles may not have any Morals at all. Likewise, one could violate Ethical Principles within a given system of rules in order to maintain Moral integrity.	A Moral Person although perhaps bound by a higher covenant, may choose to follow a code of ethics as it would apply to a system. "Make it fit"
<b>Origin</b>	Greek word "ethos" meaning "character"	Latin word "mos" meaning "custom"
<b>Acceptability</b>	Ethics are governed by professional and legal guidelines within a particular time and place	Morality transcends cultural norms