

Exercise 2– Talking About Moral Tensions

1. With your partner, agree on an issue to talk about.
2. Take turns listening to each other share briefly about their views on this issue.
3. Take a moment to fill out the form below, then read your “invitations” to one another.
4. Share your thoughts about whether that invitation would work for you or not.

Issue	Choose an issue to work on
Your Morals	Think about your own views; Identify the Moral Foundations at play
Their Morals	Listen to them talk about their views; Guess at the Moral Foundations at play
Tension	Identify the tension May be a different interpretation of one foundation (specify) or different foundations
The Invitation	<p style="text-align: center;">Use the Prompts on the next page to craft an invitation to talk morals</p> <p>A. Acknowledge the moral foundation they care about.</p> <p>B. Communicate the tension.</p> <p>C. Ask how to balance the two.</p>
Conclusion	End with it being OK to disagree

Prompts

Ideas for acknowledging the moral foundation they care about:

Different interpretation of one foundation

- I know, I care about <shared foundation name>, too.
- I like that we both care about <shared foundation name>.

Different foundations

I agree, <their foundation> is really important.

Ideas for communicating the tension:

Different interpretation of one foundation

- I wrestle with how that plays out in the real world...
- The devil is in the details, isn't it?
- The question is, <what angle / whose perspective> do we look at it?

Different foundations

I think <your foundation> ought to be considered, too.

Ideas for asking how to balance the two:

Different interpretation of one foundation

- How do we decide?
- Do you think we can have both?
- How different <what angle / whose perspective> do we look at it?

Different foundations

- I wonder how we can balance the two.
- Do you think there's a way for it to be both <their foundation> and <your foundation>?

Ideas for ending with it being OK to disagree:

- Maybe you're right.
- I suspect I'll be mulling over this for quite some time.
- You've given me a lot to think about.