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Project Title The Morality of Middle Schoolers	
Abstract Objectives/Goals The objective of this project was to discover whether or not age and gender affects middle schoolers moral decisions. Methods/Materials Google survey, notebook, stopwatch or clock. I surveyed 38 middle schoolers with two moral dilemmas taken from Listverse.com and analyzed the results. Results The results of my project were that the majority of middle schoolers think that it is morally permissible to steal from the wealthy to give to the poor. In addition, I discovered that males are more likely to give a job to their friend than females. Conclusions/Discussion I discovered that age and gender do affect moral decisions. I know this because the answers of each age and gendered differed in some way. This expands our knowledge on the topic because these are the moral views of the current generation of young adults. In addition, I concluded that as people grow older, even by just two or three years, their moral code can completely change.	
Summary Statement After surveying 38 middle schoolers with moral dilemmas, I found that age and gender do have an affect on morality.	
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