

Kohlberg's Stages of Moral Development **Laffranchini, Instructor**

- Level I** **Preconventional: Self-centered**
4 – 6 years
Motivated by: avoid punishment or
Get reward
Stage 1: might makes right
Stage 2: look out for number one
- Level II** **Conventional: Community-centered**
6 – 12 years
Motivated by: pleasing others
Stage 3: “Good girl” “Good boy”
Stage 4: law and order
- Level III** **Post-Conventional: Principle-centered**
12 years +
Motivated by: ideals, recognizing the conflict
Universal ethical principles
Stage 5: social contract
Stage 6: universal ethical principles

Stage 7: higher power