

Writer's Memo: "Strong Nonconsequentialist Solution to the New Problem of Numbers in Morality"

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This paper was initially written while taking an undergraduate Moral Philosophy course at the University of Florida. The course exposed me to the schools of ethics as well as a multitude of corresponding readings and ideas. There are so many topics, and so many very smart people who debate and think about these topics, that I could spend a lifetime just studying the literature. Thus, when you finally come up with something that at least feels a bit off the beaten path, or perhaps even raises the eyebrow of a single reader, it is exciting. My goal with this paper was to do just that, having found the New Problem of Numbers in Morality presented by Fiona Woollard a very interesting case. I have found studying the evolution of the problem of numbers fascinating and, with the addition of Woollard's New Problem of Numbers, I felt that I might be getting close to the topic's modern frontier. It is my hope that others can learn from the proposed solution that I present in this paper so that they may criticize, strengthen, and evolve it. As I argue in this paper, I think this line of thinking is much more than semantics; that it is instead the natural progression of the argument. I think readers will at least appreciate the perspective that this paper brings to the topic, providing them a new string of issues and implications to consider as consequentialists and non-consequentialists alike.