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Abstract

Morality is something that each and every human being shares on one level or another, even a thief has his own line that he wouldn't cross. However, this begs the question if it's possible for us to be too moral, where our morality affects a decision that would be better for either us or others. One real world example we can see this in people who believe taking medicine when they are sick is wrong, immoral, some even refusing treatment to the point of death. We see choices like this in many of the readings we've done, but I will be focusing on the examples on Watchmen, written by Alan Moore and published by DC Comics in 1987, and the Power and Glory, written in 1940 by Graham Greene. Additionally, I will also be referencing Food Inc, produced by Robert Kerner in 2008, both because of the moral choices featured in the documentary, and the moral choices that viewers, after having seen the movie, decide to make.

For the Watchmen, a good example is Rorschach going to tell the world what really happened even though attempting to do so costs his life, and going through with it would've made the lives lost already in vain. Alternatively, there is also Ozymandius choosing to go through with his plan in the first place, taking the lives of millions to prevent the possibility of losing millions more.

For Power and Glory I will be referencing how the Priest turns himself in, invalidating his own life and those of the hostages that were already implied to have been killed, to justify the worship of his religion and beliefs. An opposite example inside of the same work is the Lieutenant, going to those lengths to try an catch the priest, what he believes to be a necessary evil.

For Food Inc I'll be talking about the generally viewed "negative" morality of how the animals are treated and kept for the sake of producing food, as well as the morality of people who have seen the documentary and decide to continue eating their food, or go out of their way to eat healthy, each decision possibly being a detriment to themselves.