Daniel Immerman Introduction to Philosophy

Opening Survey

- 1. Do we have a moral obligation to donate to charity?
 - (a) No.
 - (b) Yes, but just to donate a little bit.
 - (c) Yes, a huge amount.

Why?

- 2. Do we have a moral obligation to refrain from eating meat?
 - (a) We have a moral obligation to refrain from eating any meat at all.
 - (b) We have a moral obligation to refrain from eating meat that is not ethically raised.
 - (c) We have no moral obligations to avoid eating meat.

- 3. When, in general, should we morally do one thing, as opposed to another?
 - (a) Whenever it will lead to the most good in the world.
 - (b) Whenever it's the kind of thing that we would like everyone to do in our situation, the kind of thing that doesn't merely involve using others to our own advantage.
 - (c) Whenever a virtuous person i.e. one who is kind, honest, truthful, etc. – would do so.

Why?

- 4. And what kinds of things are moral obligations anyway?
 - (a) They're God-given laws.
 - (b) They're a kind of rule that varies from society to society.
 - (c) Other.

- 5. Can skeptical arguments successfully show that we are ignorant about various things?
 - (a) Yes, skeptical arguments successfully show that we don't really know anything about the world around us.
 - (b) No, skeptical arguments don't successfully show that we don't really know anything about the world around us.
 - (c) I'd need to know more about skeptical arguments before I could say.

Why?

- 6. Do we and our society produce and maintain ignorance in unjust ways?
 - (a) All the time.
 - (b) Every once in a while.
 - (c) Hardly at all.

- 7. How strong are the arguments for and against the existence of God?
 - (a) They decisively show that God exists.
 - (b) They decisively show that God does not exist.
 - (c) They don't decisively show either thing.

Why?

- 8. If the arguments for the existence of God are not decisive, is it acceptable to believe in God anyways?
 - (a) Yes, it is acceptable to believe on faith.
 - (b) No, it is not acceptable to believe on faith.