

Legality, Beside the Point

Nobody asked but. ..

The pundit cosmos queries, “Is it illegal?” A considerate *homo sapiens* counters, “Is it moral?” A proper society, a nation of laws, arises because humans desire moral order. A “legality” process, diverted to lesser uses, often confounds the only useful goal. (NB — Here, we define “useful” as serving a distinct, unique purpose with a minimum of undesired consequences. “Net usefulness” is not a useful notion.) Restating Ockham’s Razor — the laws that most closely attain a true moral outcome are the laws that are most likely just.

— Kilgore Forelle