

On Pushing Boundaries

Boundaries are useful toward the goal of protecting what's considered valuable. What people, places, things, ideas, and customs a person values is likely the result of both their nature as human beings and their nurture as being raised in a particular socio-cultural and economic environment. Often the boundaries we encounter as we explore our world are not set as we would like them, and so we push against them. Sometimes we push soft, sometimes quite hard. Either the boundary holds, or it gives way, sooner or later. I think that those boundaries which hold fast over time are those which are the best at meeting our various needs as unique human beings. Pushing boundaries seems to me like a necessary and worthwhile endeavor in any society, large or small. And that's today's two cents.