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Trolley Problem Notes

1) Introduction to the Trolley Problem

a) Scenario setup: *a runaway trolley approaching five workers who cannot escape. You, as the observer, have the option to switch the trolley to a second track with one worker. Would you sacrifice one person to save five?*

b) Purpose: To make us question _____
when faced with _____.

c) Ethical options: Choosing best _____ vs. following _____

2) Utilitarian Perspective

a) Utilitarian principle: Maximizing _____ for the _____

b) In a Utilitarian perspective five lives _____ one, even if it
requires _____.

3) Variation of the Trolley Problem – Bridge Scenario

a) New setup: *Standing on a bridge with no alternate track but with a large man nearby. Push the man onto the tracks to stop the trolley and save five workers.*

b) What is the ethical difference?: _____ causing death
vs. _____ a death to occur.

4) Criticisms: Unrealistic scenarios may prevent participants from _____

5) Real-World Applications of Ethical Decision-Making (list two)

a) _____

b) _____