



Julie, a 16-year-old, is having difficulty making a decision. A few days ago, Julie's younger sister, Sussanna, had a minor accident with their parents' car. Susanna only had her learnes's permit and wam't allowed to drive without her parents. She had taken the car out anyway and had day. Upon her return, Susanna had accidentally dented the car a little by running into a telephone pole while attempting to part. Julie wam's sure what she should do about this situation, but was seriously consider get felling her parents that it was she who had caused the dent instead from the same of the same she was the work of the same than the same she was the way of the same than the same she was the same that the same she was the way t

Having been in a lot of trouble recently, Susanna had strained be parentic 'relationship, as they frequently fought over what to do about her being had. Julie didn't want to cause further strain on her parentic hardwards bulned. On the other hand, she didn't want to have to lie about what happened either, as she hand, she didn't want to have to lie about what happened either, as the for Susanna in this way. She always tried to so ta goof exemple for Susanna and didn't want 5 usanna to think that she could just break the rules whenever she pleased. Besides, Julie didn't want to damage her positive relationship with her parents—she'd worked hard on being close with them and didn't want to eith having them by losing their trust. Susanna had stood up for one another equally in times of trouble in the sanna had stood up for one another equally in times of trouble in the past, especially when it came to getting in trouble with their parents.

Julie began to wonder what might happen if she told her parents the truth. She had always believed that her parents were too strict in certain areas, and thought that this would probably be one of those areas. More severe, and she didn't want her little steer to have to suffer. If they thought that she had dented the car instead of Susanna, however, they would probably just laugh about it, as she had her driver's license but was just learning how to drive. Besides, Susanna kepi it secrel last year hear Julie shapped shoots of which she could go to the beach with friends, and she foll sho word Susanna for this. But Julie also realized that the loss of self-respect she would experience might not be worth going along

Please take a moment to think about what Julie should do, then turn the page and answer the questions.



Edith Cowan University
Sellenger Centre for Research in Law, Justice and Social Change



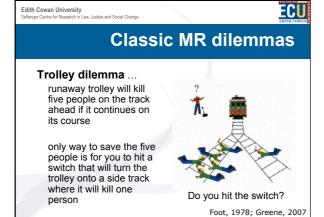
Classic MR dilemmas

Heinz's dilemma ...

a man named Heinz who must decide whether to break the law and steal an exorbitantly priced drug to save his wife who is dying of cancer



MJI, Colby & Kohlberg 1987



MR Assessment

 Classic moral tasks

 Relevance to children and adolescents?
 Engagement of emotion and concern?
 Personal involvement?
 Social engagement and interaction?
 Appropriate for clinical populations?
 Cognitive confounds?



