

If I Could Change the World: Pros and Cons

The idea of having a tremendous influence on the course of the world history is rather tempting since it implies huge power and the availability of any resource possible. Thus, the possibility of changing the world might be perceived solely as a positive concept at first. However, without the ability to encompass and understand the global implications of the changes that I would make, I would take the actions that would most likely result in the suffering of multiple people, which is why the described scenario is highly undesirable. Personally, I would abstain from accepting the specified power since the situation in which I could change the world offers more disadvantages than it does advantages.

The main advantage of me being able to change the worlds is the absence of ill will and, therefore, complete compliance with the Deontological ethics. Namely, every decision that I would make would align with the principal concepts of Deontology, which demands that decisions should be made based on the existing moral standards and principles. Thus, the possibility to create a better environment will emerge. However, the selected approach may also imply certain negative effects (Hălbac-Cotoară-Zamfir et al., 2019). Therefore, with a set of rigid standards for ethical decision-making, my power of changing the world would also have a series of drastic outcomes, particularly, in the realm of foreign policy, trade, and finances, where a nuanced approach is often required, and where moral grey areas exist.

At the same time, I cannot deny the significance of the Utilitarian approach, which suggests that the focus on the outcomes and the pursuit of maximized positive outcome should be the main target of ethical decision-making (Hu et al., 2017). Therefore, when performing the change that will affect people on a global scale, I will also have to consider choosing the solutions that will allow as many stakeholders as possible to benefit from my decision-making.

However, when applied to implement a global change, the described framework may also cause detrimental outcomes since ensuring the well-being of the global community is barely possible for an individual with a limited amount of knowledge and skills.

Nonetheless, I believe that an individual is capable of making changes that can send ripples across the entire globe, thus, eventually, changing the world. For instance, shifting the perspective toward a more realistic scenario, one may consider how technological innovations developed by one or several individuals have altered the scope and scale of modern communication, promoting global connectivity. From the described perspective, the changes that I would make to the world if I had the power to do so would most likely be used for positive alterations. Specifically, with an invention that would improve the quality of people's lives in a specific area, I could contribute to changing the world tremendously. For instance, developing the technology that could increase people's safety, or introducing a groundbreaking treatment option as the means of managing current public health concerns are a few ways for changing the world to produce a positive effect. Therefore, the effects of changing the world would not necessarily be homogeneously good or bad, but the possibility of making them mostly positive would still exist.

Since the ability to embrace the ramifications of a truly global change is nearly nonexistent in most people, my having the power to change the world would have more disadvantages than benefits. Namely, the steps that I would take would inevitably cause imbalance within the political, economic, financial, sociocultural, and even environmental domains. As a result, the distress that my actions would cause to the world would be much greater in their scope and scale than the current complications experienced by people globally.

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