

Positivism Part 1: Austin's Sanction Theory

Which of the following is a “rule” on Austin’s account?

- The teacher asks the class to select the correct answers on a powerpoint slide
- Your credit card announces a fee for those who do not make the minimum payment
- Your parent tells you to clean your room or you will be grounded
- The pool sign says that anyone who runs will be asked to leave the pool.

Which of the following is a sovereign?

- A parent?
- A teacher?
- A college president?
- The police?
- A senator?
- The President?
- A local judge?

Which norms are laws?

- norms that forbid jaywalking
- norms that require people to report purchases they made outside NY state and pay state sales taxes on them.
- norms that forbid speeding on a road with no shoulder (so police are rarely present) like FDR Drive.
- norms that require you to move your car for Alternate side parking.
- norms that require you not to drive in bus lanes more than 100ft
- norms imposed by the mafia that you pay every Tuesday for “protection”