

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 boss threatens to fire you if you are late one more time.
- 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 on Austin's view?

1. a norm that requires you to move your car for Alternate side parking.
2. The norm in the classroom that students should raise their hand and be called on before speaking
3. the norm in NYC that forbids jaywalking
4. The norm issued by a bully that you must give him your lunch or you will take a beating
5. the norm in NY state that requires people to report purchases they made outside NY state and pay state sales taxes on them.
6. A ruling by an appellate court that remands the ruling of an inferior court
7. a norm imposed by the mafia that you pay every Tuesday for "protection"
8. The local police department requires all citizens in their precinct to send \$500 for the police fundraiser, and threatens to arrest anyone who does not