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It is important for people to be moral. Nevertheless, they may sometimes commit immoral acts. In this dissertation, I examined when people tend to behave in ways that are considered moral; whether it is important for them to be perceived as moral by others; and how much they care whether or not they succeed in adhering to their moral values. Additionally, I used neuroscientific and psychophysiological research methods to gain insight in some of the cognitive and affective processes underlying people's acts. Extending previous research, the findings in this dissertation reveal not only *that*, but also *when* and *how* people behave according to their moral values.

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