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Antigone and Creon show how the concept of law could be accepted in two manners. One the one hand, positive law does not consider whether the law is morally right or wrong. Instead, it claims that if the law was passed by the legislator, then it shall be considered a law regardless of its flaws. On the other hand, natural law considers morality when regarding the law. According to natural law, humans can refuse to comply to a law if they consider it to be immoral. With this regard, the reason behind the different standpoints of Antigone and Creon can be explained.

Both Eteocles and Polyneices were Antigone's brothers who fought to succeed the throne. According to the religious custom, Eteocles was the first son of Oedipus which made him the rightful successor. Therefore, Creon believed Polyneices should be punished because his actions went against the law. Nonetheless, being the sister of both brothers, Antigone was loyal to Polyneices and believed it was morally wrong to have anybody's body chewed up by wild animals. As the legitimate authority of Thebes, Creon had the obligation to stand his ground and not be swayed according to his emotions. Once he allows Antigone to perform the burial rites for Polyneices, the danger of treason would increase. For example, people would consider Polyneices as the symbol of revolutionist, thus someone could try to take over Creon's throne too.

Since exceptions could always bring more trouble, I also believe in the positive law. Therefore, Creon deserves more sympathy because he earned hatred from many people including his own family member for simply trying to secure the throne. As stated in [B], Creon was representing the throne, which could be understood as his classroom. And he had no choice but to comply with the classroom rules because otherwise, the order of the classroom would go wild. With this regard, the main reason for the different standpoints of Antigone and Creon is their legal positions. Creon acted on his legal duties while Antigone appealed to pathos according to her philosophical beliefs on the law of God.

In perspective, both Creon and Antigone cannot be blamed for their different actions and beliefs. Their different positions in the throne control how they behave. Being the leader of the throne,



Creon tried to secure his authority and orders by practicing the positive law. However, being the sister of a dead brother, Antigone believed Creon's decision was flawed and unjust. As a result, the two standpoints are very different in that they believe in different values.