The Moral Dilemma of the ICRC

Macy Justice
What Would You Do?
The Actions of the ICRC

- Illegal?
  - No

- Unethical?
  - Yes
The Founding of the ICRC

- Henry Dunant
  - Battle of Solferino
- Switzerland
  - Neutrality
No Protection for Civilians

- 1929 Geneva Convention
  - Combatants
- Fourth Hague Convention
  - Civilians in occupied territories
  - Administrative Detainees
  - No coverage
Visits to Concentration Camps

• Concentration Camp, Internment Camps
• Defraudment
• Theresienstadt, 1944
  • Dr. Rossel
Delegation System

- Negotiate
- Center in Berlin
  - Roland Marti
Parcel System

- Leading effort
- Identification
- Early 1944
- Dietary Needs
- “Well fed dead”
Public Statement

• Controversial

• No legal obligation

• Compromise
Why Not Directly Intervene?

- Lack of treaty provisions
  - Illegal
- German policy
  - Domestic issue
- Harm other operations
  - Lose access to POW camps
Conclusions & Consequences

• International Humanitarian Law
  • Ethical?
  • Genocide Convention (1948)
• International community
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