Moral Relativism AITA Style

"Moral relativists cease to share any idea that they are part of a common enterprise", says Sir Roger Scruton (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l5BXyvMU80Q). One such manifestation of this liberal individualism, which places the individual at the pinnacle of authority, is crowdsourcing ones moral code; as for instance on the Reddit forum AITA (Am I The Asshole).

Moral relativism may be seen as the outcome of the modern world becoming untethered from religion or science, which previously provided our ethical framework. A religious world-view might be that by discovering what God's position is we can come to an objective view of our own situation; and moral relativism is what is left when the religious world-view collapses, hence its increasing popularity in certain parts of society.

Sam Harris argues “Who says science has nothing to say about morality?” (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mm2Jrr0tRXk) in that when we talk about values we are talking about facts – facts about the well-being of conscious creatures. Science has something to say about values & facts because, as Harris says, "If we're talking about well-being we're of necessity talking about the brain because our experiences of the world are realised in the brain." He also agrees about a need for universal values, yet anthropologists have found very few universals across cultures. Can we see a time of convergence where "Boundaries between nations mean less and less; and one day will mean nothing"?

Malcolm.