

# The Ethical Butterfly: Opt-in vs. Opt-out

(Year 9 - Ages 14-15)

## Lesson 6 of 9

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**Mission Briefing:** An Alchemist must understand the laws of the universe. In society, "Consent" is the law that governs how we treat each other. Today, you will analyze the two major systems used globally for organ donation and decide: Is silence the same as a 'Yes'?

### Part I: The "Silence Experiment" (Simulation)

**Scenario:** The teacher announces a new rule: "Everyone in this class is now signed up for the Saturday Clean-Up Crew." To get OUT of it, you must file a written complaint by 3:00pm.

How did you feel when you were told you were automatically signed up?

- o ☐ Relieved (It was easy)
- o ☐ Annoyed (I didn't choose this)
- o ☐ Indifferent (I don't care)

**The Default Effect:** If you forgot to file the complaint, does that mean you wanted to be on the crew?

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Part 2: System Analysis (Opt-in vs Opt-out)

System	Definition	The Psychology
OPT-IN (Australia)	You are a Non-Donor by default. You must say "YES".	Active Choice. "I stepped forward."
OPT-OUT (Others)	You are a Donor by default. You must say "NO".	Passive Consent. "I didn't object."

**The Ethics Check:** Imagine a family is at the hospital. They are sad and stressed.

- In Opt-in: The doctor says, "Good news, he registered to be a donor."
  - Family Reaction: Pride? Certainty?
- In Opt-out: The doctor says, "He never said 'No', so we assume he is a donor."
  - Family Reaction: Confusion? Doubt? "Did he just forget to say no?"

**Your View:** Which system gives the family more peace of mind? Why?

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## Part 3: The Town Hall Debate (Preparation)

**Topic:** "Australia should switch to an Opt-Out system to save more lives."

Team A (Pro Opt-Out): "It uses human laziness for good. It saves more lives by making donation the normal standard."

Team B (Pro Opt-In): "It protects human rights. A gift must be given freely, not taken by default. It builds more trust."

Choose your side: ☐ Team A ☐ Team B

Draft your strongest argument:

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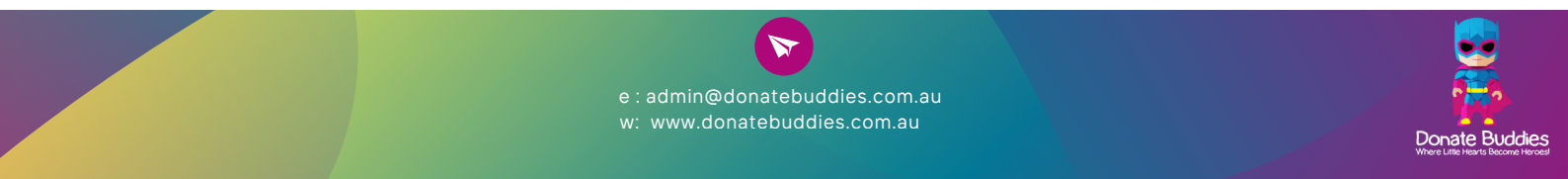
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## Donate Buddies

Regardless of the law, the Family is almost always asked.

**Reflection:** Why is the "Hero's Pledge" (telling your family yourself) stronger than any government law?

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## Extension: The Design Challenge

Design a Logo or Icon for an "Opt-in" campaign that represents "Stepping Forward" or "Raising a Hand."

