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**When I say that so long as nobody is being harmed people's decisions, choices, and actions are always acceptable and should be respected; conservative Christians often ask me: but who decides what harm is?**

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They do this to invalidate 'harm,' because if we can obscure the notion of harm, and they can decide that people going to hell is really the harm we should be worried about; then they are justified in crossing every possible boundary to keep people from hell.

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They are "helping," "saving," not really harming.

That's one of the main ways in which the concept of sin is weaponized against people; because they decide what sin is, which is what will send us to hell (except not because all we have to do is repent and then we are safe).

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It doesn't matter how we define harm, how much logic we apply to explaining that when people say they are being harmed we should believe them; or how much evidence we have of harm caused. It doesn't matter that people are literally and metaphorically bleeding. It's not harm.

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I mean they justified the genocide of Native people, the forceful taking of our land, the abduction of children with sayings like "kill the Indian, save the man." By their logic they haven't caused harm, they have "saved" us. There is no evidence of this, but they say so ■.

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Basically instead of looking at clear evidence in people's lives, instead of looking at people's own experience, to inform them of harm, instead of listening to people; they have chosen to decide what harm is based on their beliefs in regards to the afterlife.

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They put their beliefs above people's reality, their opinion above people's scars and wounds, their thoughts above people's evidence. This is their superiority complex, thinking their opinion, beliefs and ideas supersede people's actual lived experiences and evidence.

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They gaslight us all, and they gaslight themselves, by denying we are harmed at all, or asserting the "perceived" harm is exactly that, just perceived. They even assert the harm is even a gift because then we won't burn in hell forever. Harm is kindness ■.

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And here is the kicker: when we show them evidence that hell as eternal torment, and many of the things they assert are sin; are not really in the Bible like they've been told; they cover their ears and sing "la la la." They are not concerned with harm, but with being right.

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Harm is not an imaginary hell. Harm is here and now, and human beings have enough consciousness and intelligence to tell you when we are being harmed.

I will still answer the question because I am nice. Who decides what harm is? The ones bleeding!