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• Facts

- Properly functioning exhaust systems are needed for maximum fuel efficiency *true!*
- Broken exhaust systems are a nuisance to the public due to noise *yep!*
- Catalytic converters are an important because they convert the harmful emissions of CO and NO to CO₂ and N₂ ✓
- The effective combination of Rubidium and Platinum in Catalytic Converters has greatly reduced pollution to make the atmosphere cleaner ✓

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• Ethics

- Not replacing one of the most important parts of the car is wrong
- His friend is not caring how anyone else could be affected by his unsafe actions
- They know that if they just replace it with a pipe that it will release harmful pollutants into the atmosphere.
- What they are doing by altering the car is illegal and if caught they could face jail time.

also - facts are that yours is broken and your out \$450 if you fix it properly.

+1 careful - don't make judgements this early - phrase it as a question.

this is more of a consequence → phrase it more like: is it ethical to violate the law just to save money?

• Who are the Affected Parties

- Residents of Kansas who have to breathe in the polluted toxins that the automobile would produce
- Even though it is just one car, that catalytic converter is used to reduce the very dangerous toxins produced by an engine and the toxins being suspended in the air will travel to other places besides just Kansas
- Depending on if they just dump the old catalytic converter somewhere, the very poisonous device could get into the wrong hands of someone like a child.

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interesting side issue of how the C.C. will be disposed of.

What are the Possible Consequences

- The co-conspirators could face large amounts of jail time.
- There could also be huge fines from the government for pollution
- Someone might see or hear about what they are doing and alert the authorities.

aha! could indeed also be a problem for the friends!

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such as when you take the car in for an oil change.

• What Laws Might Apply

- Intentional pollution of the atmosphere could be punishable by law
- Unauthorized conversion of the car without having the car inspected afterwards could be punishable by law

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not really, but could be an important issue!

- Possible of Illegal duplicating of the catalytic converter which is a very poisonous device could be definitely punishable by law.
- All of these illegal actions could also face immense fines.

After discussing and outlining the situation using the six step process that was taught to me in class, there is no positive way to even say what the individuals were going to conspire was in anyway ethical. If you look at the situation every in the process what they were going to do by altering the pipe was going to greatly make changes such as polluting the environment and could possible cause harm to others if they came across the old parts. This is just a situation where there is no positive outcome and it is easy to justify that the whole situation from the start was unethical.

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→ actually your issue of what the friend is going to do with the C.C. afterwards is a very important side issue! I hadn't even considered it...