

# Cineas the Epicurean

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I'll have to go with my interpretation of the exchange between Cassius Longinus and Cicero, where Cassius justified his actions in Epicurean terms. Certainly specific instances are always tricky, and in the case of the decision the Czechs made vs the Poles that is probably a good example of why one rule doesn't fit all situations. But when necessary to secure my peace and happiness, any action is justifiable and therefore even "virtuous."

The best article I have found on this topic is David Sedley's "Ethics of Brutus and Cassius: [http://www.jstor.org/stable/301367?...an\\_tab\\_contents](http://www.jstor.org/stable/301367?...an_tab_contents)

I pasted excerpts from it here: <http://newepicurean.com/a-brief-good-w...-of-the-stoics/>

including - *"an Epicurean tenet already familiar to Cicero (Republic 1.10) that in exceptional crises the "no politics" rule might have to be suspended."* Sedley indicates that Seneca attributed this position to Epicurus himself.