Abstract: Philosophy is in need of a reckoning. As it’s often conceived, philosophy is fundamentally a subversive discipline. There is no topic or line of inquiry beyond the philosophical pale. We seemingly absolve ourselves of responsibility when our arguments are taken up in the realm of decision and policy-making by claiming to just be in the business of asking unsettling questions. In this paper, I’ll argue that some questions have higher stakes than others, and when asking such questions we bear a greater burden of responsibility. Philosophy can be indecent when we treat others as objects of our inquiry while neglecting our obligation to demonstrate the right kind of respect for them. Drawing on debates about moral constraints in scientific inquiry, I’ll show that there is reason to think that there are analogous moral constraints on philosophical inquiry.