

1st Summer Assignment

How can the solution be honest when the conversation is not? In this course you will be encouraged to think about some of the ethical issues that we all face in our daily lives as concerned, global citizens. Let's start making the conversation honest.

Read through and familiarize yourself with all the ethical guidelines (click here to view the ethical guidelines) This is a learning process. We will be working with these guidelines all semester. Mastery of these guidelines is not required for this assignment. An understanding of the guideline is expected. Doing ethics perhaps seems easy. Doing ethics is doing that which is right. Doing the right thing is not as simple as it may seem.

Consider the following question when doing this case study about "Ethical Fading" (click here for video).

1. Is it plausible to think that when we are engaged in ethical reasoning often times we are merely justifying decisions we have already made?

Case Analysis

- Step 1. Record your first impressions – your perception and perspective.
(Your 1st impression should be developed after you read it for the first time. Record your thoughts before you read the article for the second time. Do not edit this step of your case study.)
- Step 2. Identify the assumption and arguments that have been used in the article.
- Step 3. Consider alternate possibilities on the issue and the arguments that have been (or could be) used to support them.
- Step 4. Express your judgment precisely and explain the reasoning that underlies it.
(Judgment is different from opinion. Judgment occurs when one considers the different sides of the argument and through reasoning can reach a decision.)

For summer purposes consider each step a separate question.

Evaluation:

- *All responses are argumentative—not opinion.
- *Make sure you understand the question and its assumptions.
- *The assignments are broad and ill defined. It is your responsibility to narrow and define.
- *You should include at least 2 supporting arguments of the assumption (step 2 of the case study) and two alternate arguments (step 3 of the case study).
- *Arguments should be clearly explained and relevant to the question of study.

*You should provide critical analysis to the arguments. Perhaps question the process, perception and perspective.

The purpose of the assignment is to show understanding of the ideas and to get you to THINK. Thinking is not overrated.

Time / Place / Manner:

This assignment is due on August 22. It would be wise if you post your response by August 3. This will assure that you do not do it the last minute. You will post your answer to the Ethics Summer 16. Blog on my website <http://jessbcuzz.weebly.com/ethics-summer-16> Your comment will be approved by me first so they will not appear on my site until after the day the it is due.

Format for posting your responses:

You should always prepare and save your answer using some version of a word processor. All responses are produced in this fashion so they can be saved if technology fails.

You need to keep your response to 750 words. That is the limit that the blog will allow you to post.

You must follow the prescribed steps.

Not following these points will prevent an honest conversation.

Before you post your answers to my webpage you need to develop an alias. Send me your alias via email. Do not use your name when posting. Make sure you are comfortable with your alias. I want you to use the same one all next year when posting. Send your alias to ibrevered@gmail.com

We will discuss the 1st assignment on day one and discuss an assignment each day until we are finished.

Expect a new assignment about every 10 to 14 days.

If you have any questions of clarity please email me at ibrevered@gmail.com . Always put IB Prep Ethics on the subject line. I will try to respond in a couple of days. I will let you struggle the first couple of days after each assignment has been sent. This delay will allow you to think through the assignment on your own.