

# Case Study Paper 2

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**Due** Sunday by 11:59pm    **Points** 100    **Submitting** a file upload  
**Available** after Feb 7 at 12am

We have learned about a number of moral theories. They include:

- **Ethical Egoism:** One ought to act in ways that promote one's own self-interest.
- **Social Group Relativism:** Right and wrong is dictated by one's social group, and one ought to promote the interests of one's social group.
- **Cultural Group Relativism:** Right and wrong is dictated by one's society, and one ought to promote the interests of one's society.
- **Utilitarianism:** One ought to act in ways that maximize pleasure in the world and minimize pain, granting all people affected by an act equal consideration.
- **Deontology:** One ought to act according to rules that can be willed universally (one would want everyone in the world to abide by those rules), and one ought to always treat oneself and others as "ends" (with full respect) and never as a "mere means to an end" (as only good insofar as they bring something about).

For this paper:

- 1) Take the moral problem you explored in first Case Study Paper and apply a moral theory to it. What would, for instance, an ethical egoist say, or a social group relativist, or a utilitarian, or a deontologist, and why? This will involve first briefly explaining what the theory says, and then applying its basic moral principle to the moral issue you are exploring.
- 2) Do you agree with this approach to judging the moral problem and why or why not?
- 3) Discuss and apply a second moral theory to the problem.
- 4) Do you agree with this alternative approach to judging the moral problem and why or why not?

Let me know if you have any questions. I imagine your paper will be roughly 3-4 pages, double spaced.

## Grade Rubric

Prompt requirement	Points
1. Application of first moral theory to the moral problem.	20
2. Critical discussion (1).	30
3. Application of second moral theory to the moral	20

problem.	
4. Critical discussion (2).	30