

PHIL27/POLI27: ETHICS AND SOCIETY

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PAPER TOPIC: THE DOCTRINE OF DOUBLE EFFECT

Instructions

Your paper must be around 7 typed double-spaced pages with one-inch margins long (fewer than 2000 words). The word count must be included on a title page, along with your name and the name of your TA. Your name should not appear anywhere else in the paper (so eliminate your name from headers and footers). Please do not put your paper in a plastic sleeve. Simply staple the pages together at the top left hand corner.

A hard copy of your paper must be handed in to your TA at the beginning of lecture (2pm) on Monday, July 27, 2009. In addition, an electronic version of the same paper must be uploaded to Turnitin.com before 1:45pm on the same day. Instructions for how to upload your paper may be found at

http://www.turnitin.com/static/pdf/tii_student_qs.pdf

In order to upload your paper, you will need the Class ID Number and Enrollment Password:

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Topic

According to Foot and Fitzpatrick, what is the doctrine of double effect? What, in your view, is (are) the most powerful reason(s) for thinking that the doctrine is true? What, in your view, is (are) the most powerful reason(s) for thinking that the doctrine is false? Considering the arguments on both sides, which of these (sets of) reasons do you find more convincing? Explain.

Helpful Hints on Writing a Philosophy Paper

Here are two excellent internet sites on how to write a philosophy paper:

Prof. Amy Kind, Claremont McKenna College:
<http://www.claremontmckenna.edu/facultysites/phil-rlst/FacMember/AMKind/Intro01s/Writing.htm>

Peter Horban, Simon Fraser University: <http://www.sfu.ca/philosophy/writing.htm>