

Seminar on whistleblowing

Watch the following documentary:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9g_sqKH2z4I

and read the following articles

<https://asic.gov.au/about-asic/asic-investigations-and-enforcement/whistleblowing/>

<https://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/article/whistleblowers-in-business/>

<https://www.biography.com/activist/edward-snowden>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whistleblower>

Whistleblowing, what is it?

1. What is whistleblowing? Briefly explain what whistleblowing is
2. What ethical issues may arise from whistleblowing? Please discuss and use ethical reasoning

Case Study

1. Discuss the topic and introduce to the class the entire situation, explain what Edward Snowden did, how the US had reacted, give an overview of what happened.
2. How Was Snowden's behaviour ethical, use reasoning from lecture 2 and 3 to justify your reasoning.
1. How was Snowden's behaviour unethical, use reasoning from lecture 2 and 3 to justify your reasoning
2. How was the US government acting ethical when dealing with the snowden situation, use reasoning from lecture 2 and 3 to justify your answer
3. How was the US government acting unethical when dealing with the snowden situation, use reasoning from lecture 2 and 3 to justify your answer
4. Was Russia acting unethically when asking Snowden to work for their security agency? Why or why not.
5. Describe the conflict between Snowden's ethical judgement and principles with his professional duties.
6. In what ways can whistle blowing be harmful?
7. In what ways can whistle blowing be beneficial?
8. Do you think Snowden's actions were justified?
9. The documentary had been framed with a certain perspective and ethical judgement, try and come up with another way of viewing this issue, and arrive at a different conclusion. (even if you don't disagree with snowden, it is still good to see the other side)
10. As a programmer, when tasked with an issue where your ethical judgement kicks in, and you really feel what you are working with is wrong, what actions can you take? Was there anything else Snowden could of done?