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JOURNAL

THE PATERNALIST PRINCIPLE

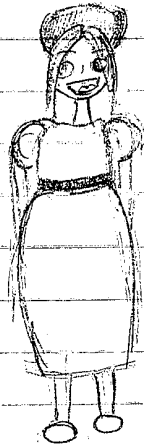
DOES NOT SEEM AS STRONG AS THE OTHER PRINCIPLE SINCE IT IS REFERRING TO HARMING ONE SELF IF THE HARM IS ONLY EFFECTING YOU - WHY SHOULD OTHER PEOPLE TRY TO STOP YOU WHEN YOU'RE CHOOSING THIS FOR YOURSELF. THAT IS IF WE ARE REFERRING TO THE HARM BEING DRUGS AND IF YOU ARE A RATIONAL PERSON - NOT CRAZY OR INSANE. EVEN IF YOU TRY TO STOP SOMEONE FROM USING DRUGS, IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK; THEY ARE GOING TO GET THEIR HANDS ON DRUGS ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. THIS CAN RELATE TO ANY OF THE PRINCIPLES IN WHICH PROHIBITING DRUGS DOES NOT STOP DRUG USE. IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME TO PICK FROM ALL FOUR PRINCIPLES, CONSIDERING I DON'T FULLY AGREE WITH ANY OF THEM.

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Gross Simplification of Ethics

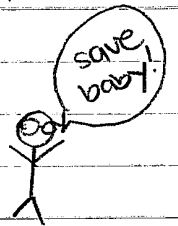
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Pregnant Lady

Scenario CONSEQUENTIALISM

Pregnant bdy faces complications when giving birth, and the doctors must decide to concentrate on saving the mother or baby. It is unlikely the mother will be able to conceive again.



mother (1 life) reproduce vs Baby (1 life) reproduce

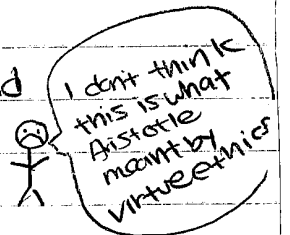
0 life (potentially) > 0 life

WWJD Virtue

Well he would miraculously save the baby and mother, of course.

But can anyone else be as virtuous?

But if Jesus was the pregnant mother, he would tell the doctors to save the baby.



Survey?

So I went around asking people what they would do as the baby daddy / husband etc if their baby mama was unconscious and unable to make the decision

Boyfriend - "Of course I would save YOU" (Love)
Father - "I would save the child" (Care Ethics)

Mom - "Any woman to tell their husband to save the child"

BFF (male) - "Would the girl be able to still have sex?"


John (devout Christian) - "I would leave it up to God's will."

Friend - "As mom, save the kid, as the husband, save the mom"

Religion

♡ CARE ETHICS ♡

Is there anything ethical about that statement?



Professor Adam Swenson

Due: January 26, 2010

Journal # 1

This past Tuesday was our first day of class. We started out by getting to know each student and discussing music and letting each and every person know a little bit about ourselves. We went over the class syllabus and talked about what would be expected of us throughout the period of this semester course. Although the class is not at all what I had expected, I feel that it will be very interesting. I am excited to see the many different perspectives of my fellow students and I hope to be open minded and take something from our discussions.

The second day of class we began with the lesson and took notes. I learned the difference between distinctions and necessary or sufficient conditions. Begging the question is assuming what you are trying to prove. Necessary means something all "x's" have, and sufficient means something unique to "x's." We also learned about the difference between is and ought. For example, "The cat is gray," is a fact and is descriptive. As, "Killing babies is wrong," is normative and is the way things should be but is simply a form of opinion or judgment.

The third day of class we learned the six theories. The first being the consequential theory in which the outcome determines what you should do. Second being the deontological theory meaning rules and duties. Third is the contractualism theory, which is the possibility of agreement meaning the principles that no rational person could reject. Fourth is the virtue ethics theory, meaning character. What any good person would do in that certain situation. Fifth is the care ethics theory which is based on relationships. It means having a duty to those closest to you. Last is the pluralism theory, a theory that accepts all the following theories.

I already feel that I have learned a lot from this class and am excited to see what this semester has in store. I look forward to our group discussions and hope to have a lot of group projects and hands on assignments.

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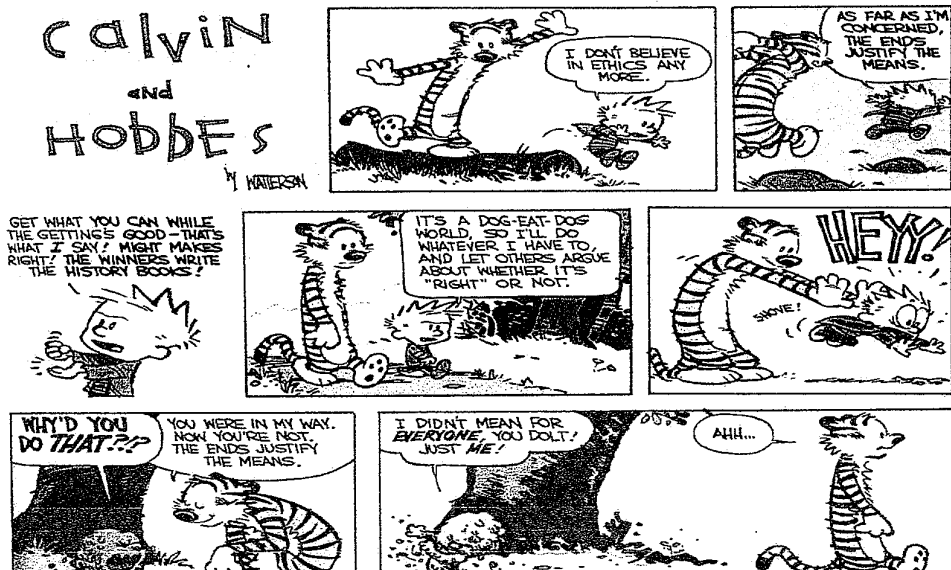
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Journal #2

After discussing consequential theory for 2 weeks it has been implanted in my head. I could now look at a situation and conclude what a consequentialist would morally think is best. We looked at several simple but helpful examples of lifeboat examples of consequentialist theory. Professor Swenson kept it the easiest and simplest possible because I believe he wanted us to learn the basic works of consequential theory. I now appreciate having been awake to hear the examples of lifeboat situations because our assigned readings will have us look at cases where many factors and real life situations are given. However, with the basics down I am confident to read the new material by Peter Singer, and to take part in the class discussions.

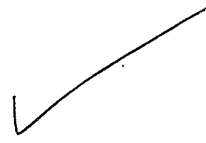
I also wanted to mention that I look forward to the class discussions because people will make me think outside of what my norm is. For example, on Wednesday lots of people were implying that consequentialist theory is wrong and not the best moral theory to go by. However, from my point of view Professor Swenson made the lecture clear and I actually think that consequential theory is one of the simplest. Not only is it simple but from all the moral theories it is the easiest to justify a moral decision on any given case. All you need to do is weight out the goods and which ever has the most wins. I believe a lot of my classmates on Wednesday were stuck on how to weight out the goods or what constitutes a good. I really think that countable

goods are basic
enough to weigh
out any goods.



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Dear Adam —



WTF — — 1

can't get the feinberg!!

XOXO,



JOURNAL 1

On WEDNESDAY I LEFT CLASS THINKING I UNDERSTOOD THE NECESSARY + SUFFICIENT CONDITION STUFF, BUT NOW I'M PRETTY SURE I DON'T. I LOOKED THEM UP ONLINE (NOT GOING TO WIKIPEDIA, EVEN THOUGH IT IS AWESOME) AND I FIND PHILOSOPHY TO BE VERY CONVOLUTED. NOT SAYING I DON'T LIKE PHILOSOPHY, I VERY MUCH DO, BUT THERE IS A LOT OF JARGON + EMBELLISHED WAYS OF STATING THINGS THAT I BELIEVE COULD BE SIMPLIFIED. IT KIND OF REMINDS ME OF 'BONES' (THE TV SHOW, I JUST STARTED WATCHING IT) BECAUSE BONES ALWAYS USES ALL THE TECHNICAL TERMS FOR THINGS WHEN MORE SOCIALLY ADJUSTED PEOPLE WOULD USE LAYMAN'S TERMS. ANYHOW, BACK TO THE NECESSARY CONDITION... THAT IS A CONDITION THAT MUST BE IN ORDER FOR THE SUBJECT TO BE AS WELL (CONVOLUTED + UNCLEAR, NO?) BUT THAT ALONE DOESN'T GUARANTEE ^{THAT} THE SUBJECT WILL BE. SUFFICIENT... IS A GUARANTEE. IF YOU HAVE THE SUFFICIENT CONDITION THEN THE SUBJECT WILL FOLLOW. HOWEVER, NONE OF THIS MAKES MUCH CONCRETE SENSE WITHOUT EXAMPLES. MEN.

Thalgn interesting last week's class was a bit overwhelming. The topics are interesting, however I could not help feeling somewhat lost at times. I profoundly tried to pay attention and ~~understand~~ understand terms taught but they seem so complicated and as the definitions are not entirely clear.

More so the terms themselves sound like a whole class topic than just new concepts. In a way I think the professor could be a bit more clear although I recognize that the examples were highly helpful. I would think that a reference to the terms taught on wednesday would be helpful, maybe the professor could mention where we can look them up in the textbook since I bought it anyway?

~~And~~ To add to the examples given in class throughout the lecture, I really find to be helpful writing things on the board, especially drawings of the examples; it keeps me interested in the topic and entertained 😊

Journal #1

Prof P.A. (349)
August 31, 2009 M, W
9:30am - 10:45am

Even if it may not apply, I was thinking of the actual sufficient and necessary things that apply to our lives. I am sure that many of us are aware that we consider almost everything necessary - even when we know it is not. I find it kind of ironic how in real life situations and in the definition that we put them to use is different. The reason I think it is ironic is because in real life necessary is or would be a unique condition and sufficient would be in general. The definitions given are the opposite of what or how we would use them in real life situations. For example if we were to explain a fact or claim we could use a sufficient or necessary form but it would impact whether it would be descriptive or normative.

Descriptive

My cat is green

- My pastor is kind

Normative

All cats should be green

- All pastors are good and kind.
(• Kind of both)

metaphysics

- All people should donate money.

- It is nice when people smile in the morning.

- The sky is blue

Normatives

All must donate money.
~~ought to~~

- All people should and must smile in the morning.

- All stars ought to be blue

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Dear Adam,

I found this flyer at a tattoo shop (is the location important? - - - would I have also found it necessary to disclose the place had it been somewhere else, like Starbucks? or am I falling prey to stereotypical irony, in that I am making reference to the perceived social connection between tattoo "rebel" subculture and drug use?)



A Typical Stoner

Dave, 28, is an Agent at a high-pressure talent agency.

He was diagnosed with Clinical Anxiety.

He's a regular user of medical marijuana. After an unsuccessful bout with anti-depressants, Dave found that marijuana helps with panic attacks, anxiety, heart palpitations, and stress. Now Dave comes to work rested, and his symptoms are under control. He's ready to take on tinsel town and make his mark.

Dave never thought he was the type of person who would use marijuana as medicine, until he did - and realized that

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I know a lot of professionals who make use of marijuana -- especially in the "creative" industry.

can't wait to see [redacted] and [redacted] (is there a [redacted] up?) fear it up tonight. hopefully no necrophilia skits, though

XXXXXXOXO

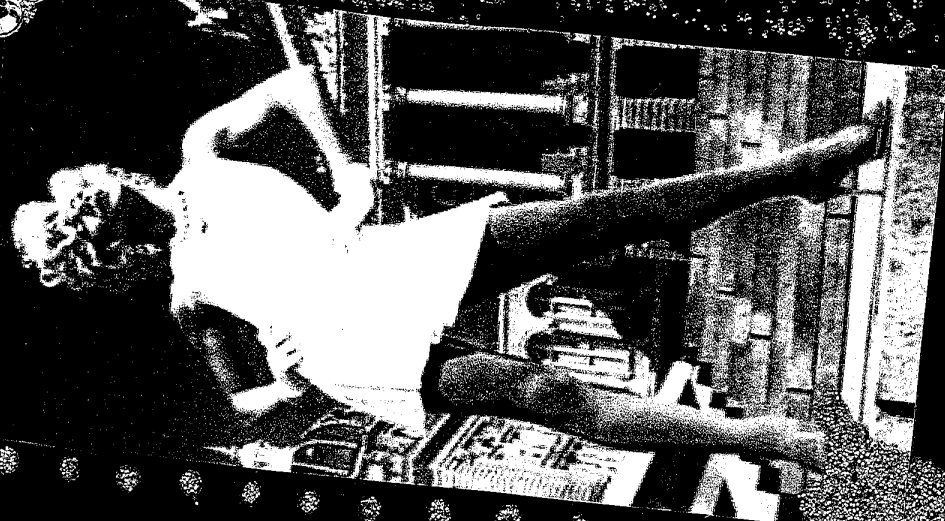


Youtube.com/watch?v=WSKVFJ5Y08&feature=related

OR look up "supersuckers nonaddictive marijuana" ha ha

PS - i'm glad you cancelled last week -- i had to work! PPS - i HATE drunk people!

Well that's just like your
opinion man. . .



Necessary Condition

All drag queens are fabulous.



Sufficient Condition

All drag queens are men.

Journal

Hello, I am the guide
~~Do~~ pony. I guide drug
users to do the right thing.
Follow me for hope!

I'm high
in the
sky! ☺
Levin
guide

As long as
you don't try
to eat me...

NO
hallucinogenic
drug users
please!

Guide
~~Do~~
Pony

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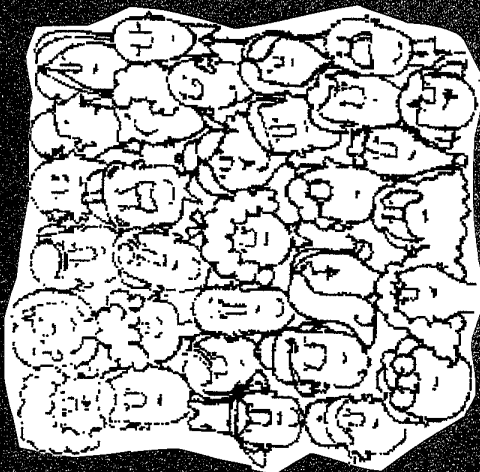
It might be the insomnia, but these songs keep reminding me of things/topics/issues discussed in class.

- 1: Tricky "Black steel"
- 2: The Radio Dept. "Strange Things will happen"
- 3: Thievery Corporation "Assault on Babylon"
- 4: Radiohead "Nude"
- 5: Nine Inch Nails "Survivalism"
- 6: The Streets "All Got our Runnings"
- 7: Lupe Fiasco "Conflict Diamonds"
- 8: Saul Williams "Raised to be Lowered"
- 9: Saul Williams "No one ever does"
- 10: Lupe Fiasco "Fighters"

The Bystander Effect

I'm sure
A lifeguard
Is coming.

Someone should
Help that guy!



YIKES!!

Wow!
He needs help!

Someone should really
help that guy!



If only I were
A baby drowning
In a puddle!!



The Best Class in the whole
Plum

Who will consequentialist Ones choose
to save?



Team Amazing



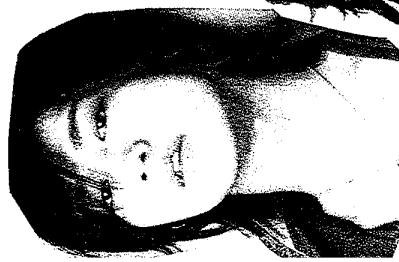
오유 Oneu



최시원 Choi Siwon



松本潤 Matsumoto Jun



赤西仁 Akanishi Rin

Team Awesome



이동해 Lee Donghae

山下智史 Yamashita Shoun

김준수 Kim Junsu



김유연 Kim Yu Yeon



김재중 Kim Jae Joong



田中ヒカル Tanaka Hikaru



Team

Oneu

Answer: Team Awesome

JOURNAL #3

ADVANCED SO...
2/17/09

THE PLEASURE YOU
EXPERIENCE FROM SMOKING
MARIJUANA IS MORALLY
IMPERMISSIBLE!!

I SUPPORT

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