Scythe

intro:

Scythe, written by Neal Shusterman, is a novel set in the future on mortality is conquered and people live forever except specific circumstances. One of these and the one mainly focused on by the book is “gleaning” where one of the scythes pick and kill someone from society who they deem fit to die whom do not get revived when killed. The book follows 2 teenagers whom get selected by the scythe Faraday to become new scythes to glean people and the cycle continues. Killing in this sense is given a moral pass by the narrator as in the book it is seen that the reason is a good cause by helping society at large by attempting the curb the population growth and help retain aspects of when mortality existed. Murder can be defined as the unlawful premeditated killing of one human being by another. Although in the book these killings are not unlawful but in the world we live in now these would clearly be illegal and they are certainly premeditated by the scythes doing the act

what is killing, a scythes role in society

P1:

Many scythes in the book are seen to abuse there powers to “glean” people in a fashion that is clearly morally abhorrent. One of these scythes and the scythe that the book mostly follows is scythe Goddard. Scythe Goddard plays the main antagonist of book shown by his actions such as mass gleaning, taking the high scythes daughter hostage and forcing Rowan to disable his pain nanites to inflict suffering on him. The stance the book is obviously scythe Goddard is clearly amoral and terrible but what is the fundamental difference between Goddard and the scythes that are seen as moral from the book that makes scythe Goddard the worst but the others morally passable. The book seems to counter this with saying that since scythe Goddard enjoys his gleanings this makes him bad but the “better” scythes do not enjoy gleanings. But why would the mental state of a murderer change the fact of the matter, the person being dead which is generally considered why murder is amoral in the first place.

the bad things that scythes do and quotes to who that

P2:

The scythedom is an organisation which which ruins the utopia the book it set in. The death of an individual can be a very tramuitizing thing and causes suffering to not only the individual dying but the people around them such as the family, friends and peers. The death and destruction of selected individuals is the crux of the scythedom. Having an organziation based on the Death of humans essentially picked at random or picked at random depending on the persons choice is fundamentally a terrible organisation. Death is not something to be taken lightly violates rules and laws in almost every culture.

death is very bad and should not played down to lesser/more vauge words

P3:

The thunderhead is the ai responsible for the utopia seen in the book. It is the entire government, justice system and manges the entire in the most fair and just way theoretically possible. It is desgined as a god with the purpose of helping humanity in every possible way by maitaing a one to one relationship with all of earths citizens. All except a few, criminals and scythes. The thunderhead in the book is hard-coded to nover interact with the scythedom or interfere by its creators, but why would this possibally be the case. The real world god if this world, the personifacation of good in this world is cannot be wrong.

the fact that it is killing and changing the name does not change the act

conclusion