

Third Paper

Length: 2 pages (regular 12 point font, 1-inch margins)

Citations: You can use any accepted citation style (e.g. MLA, Chicago, etc.) as long as you use it consistently and correctly. As an aside, you are not expected to do much citation in this assignment.

Due: 11:59pm Thursday Oct. 24. You will submit a PDF or Word document through Canvas.

Assignment:

In this paper, you will imagine that you are part of an engineering team working on a new automobile design. One option that comes up in designing the automobile is the possibility of implementing a seatbelt requirement, that is, a system that prevents the car from starting without the seatbelts in use. The NHTSA safety statistics for seatbelts can be found [here](#). In this paper, you will:

- (a) Give an argument either *for* or *against* the implementation of a seatbelt requirement, on moral grounds. **Note you are giving an argument, not merely your opinion. Show your reasoning.**
- (b) Consider either an *objection* to your argument, or an *argument for the opposite position*, and show how it is mistaken, and your position is superior.

Grading Rubric

- A: An A-grade paper demonstrates clear reasoning, along with a clear understanding of how one might reason about safety, or responsibility, and the role that values might play in this situation. It will be insightful, providing a compelling argument, and will be elegantly and clearly written.
- B: A B-grade paper will be lacking at most one element of an A paper, e.g., it might not demonstrate an understanding of how values play a role in reasoning about safety, or it might be poorly reasoned. It will still be clearly and elegantly written.
- C: A C-grade paper will be lacking several elements, e.g., failing to provide a compelling argument, and being unclearly and hastily written.
- D: A D-grade paper will not demonstrate understanding of the material, or the reasoning involved, or will be poorly written.
- F: Anything that does not meet the lowly standards of a D-grade paper will receive an F.