INSTRUCTIONS FOR 1st CASE DISCUSSION

APPLY RIGHTS OR UTILITARIANISM TO A CASE.

Your team analysis should be about 2-3 pages long (longer is fine, shorter will get a poor score).

You will find cases to choose from to the right in the table for this week. Your team will choose one of the cases. Use the OUTLINE I have pasted below to discuss this case, and

APPLY the <u>ETHICS OF RIGHTS</u> or <u>UTILITARIAN ETHICS</u> to the case your team chooses. Your team should ANALYZE ONLY ONE CASE. Your team should apply only one ethical theory.

You will find a file of <u>NOTES</u> of both the <u>ETHICS OF RIGHTS</u> and <u>UTILITARIAN ETHICS.</u> Each ethical theory has an ARGUMENT OUTLINE that you **must** use. The ARGUMENT OUTLINE for each theory is located at the bottom of my NOTES for that ethical theory. Follow the steps!

Be sure to read the GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CASE DISCUSSIONS, the general instructions are very important.

Here below is the OUTLINE you must follow. Remember, The ARGUMENT part of the outline is the work your team is mostly graded on. The point of the argument is to describe the actions involved in the case in very great detail. To show all sides to the case in terms of the ethical theory. I cannot stress how important this is. A good case analysis is one that can convince others. But if you never see the other side, if you only see your side of the issue, you will never be convincing, you will just sound belligerent. That is the whole point to this class. To get you to have a strong ethical voice when you might need it. A voice that can make people listen. But nobody listens when you show only one side. They think you do not understand their side, so they shut you out. The more you show that you have weighed all the sides, the more convincing you will be. Some of the theories have both sides built into the framing of the argument. **Rights Theory will discuss rights of all parties involved, never merely rights violations committed by one party against another. Utilitarianism Theory will discuss benefit and harm to all parties, this means all sides are thus examined.**

DISCUSSION OUTLINE

EVERTHING IN THE OUTLINE BELOW IS EXPECTED IN YOUR TEAM DISCUSSION RESULTS

1. **INTRO PARAGRAPH(copy/paste, fill in the blanks, then delete underlines)**
   This paper will examine the case of <u>NAME OF ORGANIZATION & or INDIVIDUALS</u> and <u>NATURE OF INCIDENT OR ACTION OR NEGLECT</u>. It will be shown that this <u>INCIDENT OR ACTION OR NEGLECT</u> <u>violates [or demonstrates]</u> the ethics of <u>STATE THE ETHICAL PRINCIPLE OR THEORY YOU WILL ARGUE FOR</u> . First, details of the case will be described. Then a precise definition of the ethical theory will be given. Next it will be shown how the details of this case relate to the ethical theory being discussed. Finally, suggestions will be made for future guidelines such that this ethical principle may be applied in this case or in similar cases.

2. **CASE DETAILS**
   - Chronology of events of case
   - Principal people involved
   - Those most responsible
   - Results
   - Those affected by results

3. **ARGUMENT**
   Use ARGUMENT OUTLINE for theory you have chosen.

4. **POLICIES & PROCEDURES**
   - How could events have been avoided?
   - Future conduct/guidelines for any company/organization?

5. **NEW TECHNOLOGY THAT WOULD FIX THE PROBLEM (TECH FIX)**

The ARGUMENT part of the outline, the POLICIES & TECH FIX parts of the outline should be in paragraph format and the <u>ARGUMENT part of the outline should be at least one page long.</u>

DO NOT be daunted by this outline or by applying the theories, you will be using some version of this outline all semester and you will be applying theories to cases all semester, so you will get good at it.

POSTING TO DISCUSSIONS, the TOPICS.

For each discussion assignment, I will set up 4 discussion topics that you each must post to. Each assignment has these 4 various topics that are part of the process of your team working to write a case analysis. The topics are time sensitive to keep your team on track to complete the assignment. Each topic has points assigned. **If you do not post by the time specified, you lose those points**. Here are the topics, their points, & what you should post to each:

1) CHOOSE CASE and CHOOSE ROLES – 0.5 pts

- Choose Case: On the homepage, to the right, you will find cases I have linked to for the assignment**.** Check out the links, decide which you are most interested in, then post under CHOOSE CASE/ROLES, letting your team know which case you are most interested in and why. It is probably best for each of you to suggest your top 2, and designate which one is your favorite. Your Team Lead will add up the votes to determine which case your team is choosing. **Team Lead**, do not post the team final choice on the night the choices are due. You must post it instead the next day in the next topic once I open the next topic.

- Choose Roles: Here your team will decide who does what parts of the outline. Divide the work like this:
  - INTRO (copy/pastes) Team lead best for this
  - CASE DETAILS (1 person)
  - ARGUMENT (2-3 people—divide the ARGUMENT OUTLINE)
  - POLICIES & PROCEDURES (1 person)
  - TECH FIX (new technology that would fix the problem**)** (1 person)

  If your team is short of members, fewer people do the argument, and team lead picks up any other slack.

2. CHOOSE THEORIES – 1.5 pts.
You should say which theory, RIGHTS or utilitarianism you think should be used for your team's chosen case. Give sentences saying why. Each of you should also say what you think the **Argument** conclusion should be and why. You can also make suggestions for parts of the **Argument Outline** and for the **Tech Fix**. Giving your opinion counts. Not giving your opinion will mean you lose points. Help each other. I will try to give feedback by the next night.

3) CONTRIBUTE PARTS of OUTLINE –3 pts.
Here you post your part of the Case Analysis outline. **You must contribute your part by the due date**, giving your team a chance for last edits. I will try to give feedback by the next night night, so you can edit if needed.

- INTRO-Just a copy/paste, choose options, fill in blanks
- CASE DETAILS should be about 1 page -Be sure to follow the outline. Can have bullets, etc..
- ARGUMENT should be **at least** 1 page, longer is much better must follow ARGUMENT OUTLINE for the theory your team chose (found at very end of the NOTES for that theory.). (Full sentences & paragraphs, no bullets).
- POLICIES & PROCEDURES should be about half a page--be sure to follow the outline: how could these events have been avoided, etc? (Full sentences & paragraphs, no bullets).
- TECH FIX--length varies from short fourth page, to much longer no outline given to you for Tech Fix--be original, A neat new tech fix for an ethical problem would make a great Startup. (Full sentences & paragraphs, no bullets).

4).TEAM RESULT –5 pts. DUE SUNDAY following week
After your team has revised as needed and carefully edited for grammar, etc., the Team Lead will post it in the <u>TEAM RESULTS</u> topic. The Team Result will be worth up to 5 points. You will not lose points if you do not post to the RESULTS topic. Only Team Lead has to post to RESULTS. But if your team chooses to edit in RESULTS, etc., that's fine.

TEAM LEAD:

Only one member of your team, the Team Lead will upload your team results in <u>Teams Results</u> topic. Team Lead: **Please copy/paste Results into a post.** If you cannot copy/paste, only then should you submit a file instead. If you are having difficulty with copy/paste, try copying, then simultaneously hitting control key and v.

Team Leader, be sure to include your <u>team name</u> at the top of your post

The header of your team paper, **left hand margin**, should list (without line spacing)
Please also add a list of who contributed which parts of the outline, like this:

Team 1
Title of the Case your team chose
- INTRO   John Will (**Team Lead**)
- CASE DETAILS Lazaro Man
- ARGUMENT   May Yee, Thomas Smith
- POLICIES   Eric Young
- TECH FIX   William Do

Please, Please. Team Lead, **copy/paste the result** instead of appending a file.