

Dear Gareth,

I liked that you selected a different case study to most of the other students as if everyone chose the same case study all the posts may be too similar. Additionally, I like that you provided background on the case study as it made easier to understand. Overall, I found your post to be well structured as you made good use of paragraphs and headings to improve readability.

Referencing the emotional and physical harm caused by the steps Q industries took to deter vandalism demonstrated a good understanding of the effect Q industries actions could have on individuals. Referencing how it would impact those with respiratory issues showed a good understanding of the medical issues that should have also been considered by Q industries.

You referenced the ethical concerns in relation to the use of non-lethal and lethal force as a deterrent to vandalism citing specific sections of both the BCS Code of Conduct (BCS, 2022) and ACM's Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct (ACM, 2021) to good effect

There was a minor grammatical error in the introductory sentence where you should have used future tense. It should have been along the lines of, I will be analysing the legal, social and ethical implications relevant to Automated Active Response Weaponry (ACM, 2018) in relation to ACM's Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct (ACM, 2021) and the BCS Code of Conduct (BCS, 2022).

There were no inline references used throughout your post and the reference list was incomplete as you are supposed to include a link to the references and the date they were accessed. Additionally, when looking into your references I noticed the year on the case study reference is incorrect as the case study was published in 2018 which can be found in the metadata on the webpage. When writing references in the future I would strongly suggest you refer back to the referencing guide provided by the university and that you double check your references prior to submitting any work as a portion of your final grade is made up from correctly referencing your work and the lecturer (Dr Outram) throughout this module has stressed the importance of referencing appropriately.

You seem to have misinterpreted the question being asked as you only mentioned about the ethical issues when the task was also to mention about the social and legal issues. I would suggest rereading the question prior to your summary post.

For the ethical concerns you only mentioned Q industries response to protesters. Did you consider the wider ethical issues of the technology or the legal issues such as the laws surrounding export controls of dual use technology (Export Control Act, 2002) or the legal ramifications if the technology inadvertently killed someone with an underlying health condition?

Best Regards,

Sam

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