

Essay Notes

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Question One

- How the cases get going
- Ways to prevent problem - institutional; educational
- What to say about design? (Will things be thwarted if people can trade out)
- Is it even a problem if people do simply trade out - what does this say about liberalism

Question Two

- A bunch of different cases to consider
- Conjunction cases (army, operations manual)
- Stored in collective but not individual memory cases (like Bird's example)
- Institutional belief (but Ruritanian communist party is problem)
- Wishful thinking cases (Lackey alludes to this)
- Lackey's argument about action - worth spelling out the steps clearly and how each of these cases interacts with the argument

Question Three

- Motivating the obligation
- Clarifying the obligation (is it to continue, to not discontinue without notice etc)
- What type of obligation (prudential, moral, sui generis)
- Can it be explained away - e.g., group action requires a promise, and promises imply obligation?
- What to say about cases of explicit disavowal
- What to say about cases of immoral group activity