

CS/PHIL 801 Discussion Prompt Response

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Response to Prompt for Module # 11 on topic Automation

Imagine you are the employer, do you layoff the three employees? Or do you keep them? Recall, the company has a long-term fixed contract so revenue will stay constant whatever choice you implement.

I would layoff and reassign the three employees from that specific role. From a utilitarian viewpoint, I would be increasing the overall happiness of those involved. I would look for other areas within the company that the three least effective employees could contribute to the company. I could also promote three workers into new positions and automate their jobs to further their work and work within the company. This promotes utilitarian ethics because it would be increasing the overall happiness of the reassigned workers in roles they care about and allowing those in their remaining roles to be happy with the tasks they already know.

Translate what you wrote above into a formal argument, in the form of numbered premises and a conclusion. It may be helpful to review the logic slides, and I have included a special discussion form example with an argument structure in this weeks assignment. Does what you say above logically follow?

(1) Employees become automated because it is (2) cost effective, and it (3) allows employees to excel in other tasks. By laying off / reassigning employees, (4) I would be giving them a chance to grow, (5) increase their careers through other meaningful work, and (6) give them more meaning through their work. (7) This is why I would replace three workers through automation.