

# Utilitarian Ethics Reflection

<b>Your Name</b>			
<b>Your Section (circle one)</b>	12:30pm	2:00pm	3:30pm
	September 10, 2025	Dr. Bandy	CS 377

*This reflection is **due Monday, September 15th at the beginning of class**. It will be graded for completion. It is only intended to take 10-20 minutes.*

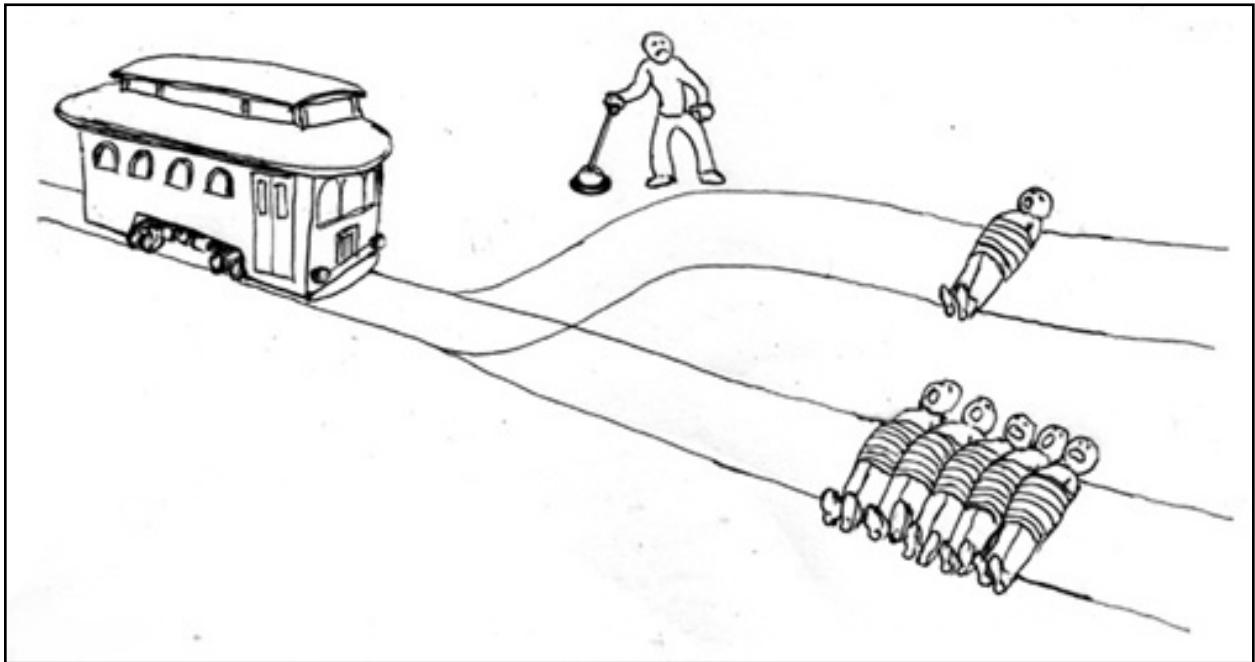
*(1) Utilitarianism holds that "actions are right in proportion as they tend to promote happiness." Write down a definition of happiness and the source from which you found that definition. Do you agree with that definition of happiness? Why or why not?*

**Happiness:**

*(2) According to utilitarian ethics, actions are "wrong as they tend to produce the reverse of happiness." What is a word that could mean "the opposite of happiness?"*

*(3) Write down a definition for the word from (2) and the source from which you found that definition. Do you agree with that definition? Why or why not?*

*Below is a depiction of the trolley problem thought experiment, introduced by Philippa Foot in 1967. This version was drawn and posted by philosopher Jesse Prinz pre-2009:*



*(4) Draw your own version of the trolley problem (you can change anything about the situation as long as it is still a trolley problem of some kind).*

