

Final Project Ethical Analyses

Submission Guidelines:

- All submissions are to be uploaded to Canvas by **11:59pm on May 17th, 2024**.
- Pick **two** of the following three writing prompts.
- Each analysis should be approximately 1000 words.
- Provide a clear introduction, presenting the ethical perspective chosen for analysis.
- Present a detailed examination of the chosen event, applying the relevant ethical framework.
- Support your analysis with evidence, facts, and ethical reasoning.
- At least **two** external sources are required.
- Cite all sources in whichever citation style that you prefer.
- All external sources are to be from *after* January 2022.

Issue 1. Israel's Response to the Hamas-Ordered Attacks of Oct 7th.

Perspective: Just War Theory

Evaluate Israel's current military response to the Hamas-ordered attacks of October 7th using the framework of Just War Theory. Focus primarily on the principles of just cause and proportionality to determine whether or not Israel's current war effort is just. Examine the legitimacy of the objectives and whether the means employed align with the conditions of a just war.

Issue 2. Supreme Court's Decision to Overturn Roe v Wade

Perspective: Utilitarianism

Analyze the recent Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v Wade from a Utilitarian perspective. Consider the potential consequences of this decision on the well-being and happiness of individuals, the greater society, and the overall utility. Evaluate the trade-offs and weigh the positive and negative outcomes, examining how the decision aligns with the principles of utility and whether it contributes to the greatest overall happiness or societal benefit.

Issue 3. Garrett Hardin's Argument on Aid to the Global Poor

Perspective: Ethical Analysis with Recent Data

Assess Garrett Hardin's argument against providing aid to the global poor. Utilize recent data including (but not limited to) global birth rates, development trends in aid-receiving countries, and technological advancements not present during Hardin's time. Analyze whether current information supports or challenges Hardin's assertions. Consider the ethical implications of resource distribution, population control, and the impact of technology on addressing global poverty.