

MODULE 4: ESSAY #2 GUIDE (over Privacy)

Due Date: Monday, March 17, by 11:59pm CST, 3–5 double-spaced pages (of body text; the Works Cited page will always be a separate last page). **Submit as a Word document (.docx or .doc) within Module 4 of Canvas. Be sure you submit this Essay #2 within Module 4; otherwise, the Canvas Gradebook cannot calculate your grade.**

Outline for Essay #2: Follow This Outline

I. Introduction

- A. Open with quotation, statistic, or anecdote.
- B. State Thesis: Topic + Your Point of View (containing issues #1, #2 & #3 for which you will argue).

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II. Refutation of the Opposition

- A. Define, clarify, or explain issue #1 your opponents support.
- B. Define, clarify, or explain issue #2 your opponents support.

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III. Your Argument for Issue #1

- A. Include a specific example, fact and/or quotation of how or why opponents are wrong.
- B. Include a specific example, fact and/or quotation of how or why opponents are wrong.

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IV. Your Argument for Issue #2

- A. Include a specific example, fact and/or quotation of how or why opponents are wrong.
- B. Include a specific example, fact and/or quotation of how or why opponents are wrong.

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V. Your Argument for Issue #3

- A. Include a specific example, fact and/or quotation of how or why opponents are wrong.
- B. Include a specific example, fact and/or quotation of how or why opponents are wrong.

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VI. Conclusion

- A. Return to your thesis and reinforce it (do not simply restate it; say it in different words).
- B. Close with a memorable quotation, anecdote, or an appeal to your audience's sense of justice and fairness.

Before Submitting: Follow and apply this [English Essay Final Draft Checklist](#).

Topics: (Choose *one*.)

1. Should we be concerned that people, including teens, are forming emotionally-dependent relationships with AI-bots — on platforms such as [Replicant](#) (“a unified Conversational platform”) or [CharacterAI](#) (“life-like chat bot Characters that hear you, understand you, and remember you”) — in which humans reveal personal, even intimate, details of their lives with profit-driven AI companies? (If you choose to write on this topic, you should first list to this recent [“She Fell in Love with ChatGPT. Like, Actual Love. With Sex”](#) episode on *The New York Times*’ podcast *The Daily*. [Full article](#) here.)
2. Should we re-think using facial recognition software because it reveals implicit racial bias?
3. Should the Israeli company (NSO) which produces the Pegasus spyware that secretly hacks phone users around the globe be held liable for invading the privacy of innocent citizens? (For more information, [view this 9-minute video](#) by *The Washington Post* on how pervasive and troubling this spyware has become.)
4. Should teens (those 17 and under) in Louisiana be subject to trial in court, a fine up to \$500,000, house arrest and/or registration as a sex offender for sending and/or receiving underage photos on digital devices, commonly known as “sexting”?
5. Should people who post “revenge porn” (nude photos/videos of former lovers) be subjected to fines and/or imprisonment?
6. Should social media—such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.—have the right to own the content we post (such as personal information and photos) which can then be sold to “third party” advertisers for social media profit? Note: If you choose this topic, be sure to choose one or two (at the most) social media.
7. Should the NSA have the right to collect in bulk all of our personal digital information, including voice recordings of phone calls, GPS location data, video chats (such as Skype, Facetime, Yahoo messenger), or should they be held to strict legal procedures to acquire such information?
8. Should Edward Snowden be extradited from Russia and brought back to the United States and tried as a traitor under the Espionage Act, or should he be allowed to return to the United States and protected under the Whistleblower laws?
9. Should voting using mobile apps be allowed for political elections?
10. Should individuals in the United States have the “right to be forgotten” whereby an individual can request that Google remove specific links to negative information about that person, or should such links to information remain on the internet permanently?
11. Should the CALEA (Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, 1994) Act be allowed to be expanded to force telecommunications companies (e.g., Verizon, AT&T, Sprint/T-Mobile, Comcast, Suddenlink, Centurylink, Google, etc.) to create backdoors that allow law enforcement to decrypt all encrypted messages?

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