

PHIL27/POLI27: ETHICS AND SOCIETY

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PAPER TOPIC: THE DOCTRINE OF DOUBLE EFFECT

Instructions

Your paper must be around 7-8 typed double-spaced pages with one-inch margins in 12-point font (fewer than 2,400 words). The word count must be included on a title page, along with your name and the name of your TA. Your name should not appear anywhere else in the paper (so eliminate your name from headers and footers). Do not put your paper in a plastic sleeve. Simply staple the pages together at the top left hand corner. [Papers that do not conform to these requirements will not be accepted and will receive an F.]

A hard copy of your paper must be handed in to your TA at the beginning of lecture (12pm) on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. In addition, an electronic version of the same paper must be uploaded to Turnitin.com before 11am on the same day. Instructions for how to upload your paper may be found at

http://www.turnitin.com/static/pdf/tii_student_qs.pdf

In order to upload your paper, you will need the Class ID Number and Enrollment Password:

Class ID Number: 3848006

Enrollment Password: doubleeffect

Topic

What is the *classical* version of the doctrine of double effect (DDE)? What is Foot's counterexample to the classical version of the DDE? What is the *revised* version of the DDE? What, in your view, is the most powerful reason for thinking that the *revised* version of the DDE is *true*? What, in your view, is the most powerful reason for thinking that the *revised* version of the DDE is *false*? Considering the arguments on both sides, which of these reasons do you find more convincing? Explain.

Helpful Hints on Writing a Philosophy Paper

Here are two excellent internet sites on how to write a philosophy paper:

Prof. Amy Kind, Claremont McKenna College:
<http://www.claremontmckenna.edu/facultysites/phil-rlst/FacMember/AKind/Intro01s/Writing.htm>

Peter Horban, Simon Fraser University: <http://www.sfu.ca/philosophy/writing.htm>