

Ethics Paper

Word count: 1500 Max/Min

Worth: 250pts

In this paper you are asked to do four things:

1) **Explain either Kant or Bentham's/Mill's moral system.** Explain one of the ethical systems that we've discussed in detail, supporting the explanation **with quotes**. By the end of this section, the workings of the ethical system should be clear. How is the "good" defined? What do we need to do to bring about that good?

2) **Briefly explain (200-300 words) a current event with moral significance.***

The event that I've selected is the decision to grant to U.S. citizens reentry into the United States to be treated for the Ebola virus. As of this writing, the two patients have been medically cleared and released. However, it still warrants discussion of whether this was the right decision to make from an ethical point of view.

You can read about some of the fears and attempts to assuage them here:

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/08/03/ebola-us-africa-brantly-ga/13536981/>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2014/08/06/im-the-head-nurse-at-emory-this-is-why-we-wanted-to-bring-the-ebola-patients-to-the-u-s/>

In this section, provide a brief explanation of the event and call attention to which aspects have moral significance.

**If you would like to discuss a different event, please email me about it first.*

3) **Apply the ethical system to the scenario.** How would the philosopher you picked evaluate the scenario discussed in your paper? The first two sections of this paper were spent laying important groundwork. Here, we see what that all amounts to. Make sure to be thorough.

4) **Evaluate the conclusions.** Do you think the judgments expressed through the lens of the ethical system are right? Is the system right to approve? To condemn? Why or why not? Here, you have to explore different viewpoints.

If you agree with the system you picked, explain why someone might take issue with it. Can you defend it?

If you disagree with the system you picked, explain why that is. Can you understand why someone would take that position? Why don't you?

Explanation is *critical* here, so make sure you are justifying your claims thoroughly.