

Social Impact Analysis Paper Outline

Abstract (overview of paper)

- I. Background (Exposition)
 - a. Introduction (overview of topic)
 - b. Provide a brief description of the design/product/concept (DPC)
 - c. Who is responsible for creating/producing/building it?
 - d. What need is it intended to fill?
 - e. Identify the stakeholders
 - i. Direct
 - ii. Indirect
 - f. Survey:
 - i. Benefits anticipated for this DPC
 - ii. Drawbacks anticipated for this DPC
- II. Position (Critical Analysis)
 - a. Identify 1-2 of the most significant:
 - i. Benefits. Explain why these are the most significant
 - ii. Drawbacks. Explain why these are the most significant
 - b. Apply one of the three ethical theories we have studied
 - i. You should choose the approach you find most plausible
 - ii. Your application should be detailed (e.g. apply a specific variant of utilitarianism) and demonstrate an understanding of the mechanics of the approach.
 - c. Based on your application (as well as optional appeal to your Code of Ethics), determine whether or not the development/deployment of this DPC should continue. Explain and justify your position.
 - d. Counterargument(s):
 - i. Identify 1-2 of the strongest counterarguments to your position. Explain why they are the strongest.
 - ii. Respond to these objections.

Conclusion