ethics paper #3

Prof Bill - May 2017

Write an ethics paper on any topic covered in Chapters 4, 6 or 9 of our text, A Gift of Fire. This assignment is very similar to our Ethics Paper #2.

- **Due:** Wed May 31 2017, by the start of class
- **Grading:** This paper is worth 5 points, or 5% of your final grade.
- **Submit:** Please print your paper and bring it to class.

Ethics Paper Guidelines

Some guidelines for your ethics paper:

➔ Your paper will probably be 2-3 pages long.

➔ Formatting: 12 point font, 1.5 to double-spaced, page numbers at the bottom of each page

➔ Please cite at least 2 (worthy) sources other than the textbook or Wikipedia.

➔ Use the "citation-sequence" format (reference list is in the order in which they are cited in your paper)

➔ Use Council of Science Editors (CSE) style for in-text citations and bibliography. Here's some online help:

◆ writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/DocCSE.html - U of Wisconsin "Council of Science Editors Documentation Style" review

◆ irsc.libguides.com/c.php?g=146552&p=962390 - IRSC library summary of the CSE Style Guide

I like our book's citation and bibliography style.

Here's an example of an inline citation, you can use the superscript or brackets, []:

Traumatic life events and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) are endemic among American civilians [1].

And a bibliography entry for that citation:
1. Betty Friedan, *The Feminine Mystique*, W. W. Norton, 1963, p. 312.

Choose a Topic

You can choose any topic from Chapter 4, 6, or 9 of our book, A Gift of Fire. You can try to persuade and argue for one particular side. Or, you can present both sides of an issue in an attempt to inform.

Here are some of the chapter exercises questions that I thought were interesting. You are **not** limited to these choices. Pick a different topic from the material if you prefer.

➔ 4.43 – How will both copyright laws and future technology be used to protect intellectual property?

➔ 4.45 – Should software be copyrightable? What would the impact be if it were not?

➔ 6.30 – What if other nations don't share America's guidelines on employee health and safety? Is this OK? A problem?

➔ 6.33 – Automated interviewing. What do you think?

➔ 6.34 – Women in CS. What do you think? As a contrast, what percentage of elementary school teachers are men? Nurses? If this gender differential a problem? What percentage of college students are female? What is the trend?

➔ 9.40 – Is it ethical to work on SkyNet? More generally, what part do ethics play in researching topics that may tap incredible power… for good or evil.

That's it, ethically speaking.

thanks… yow, bill