

# Criminal Justice Ethics, PHIL330.001, Spring, 2008

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**Second Essay Assignment** - Hi. Here is our Second Essay Assignment, worth **20%** of your grade for this class. It is due by the end of the day **Thursday, May 29**. You are welcome to submit your finished essay in class, hand it in to my office, slip it under my door, or place it in my mailbox in the mail room, (MacAlister, 5057, right across from the English & Philosophy Department). You are welcome to email it as an attachment. Emailed work is on time if sent in a readable format by midnight Thursday night. Late penalties increase each day until the assignment has been returned to the class. After that, late submissions will not be accepted.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please follow these instructions carefully. Write an essay responding directly, fully, and thoughtfully to each part of **one** of the questions below. Note: This is **not** a formal essay assignment. You do not need a formal introduction or any predetermined structure. Use the structure of the question as the guide for what you write. Avoid quotations of more than a couple of lines. If you make any quotations from any text, cite them by placing the author's name and page number in parenthesis: (Marino, p. 2). Let me know if you have any questions about how to do this. Your essay should be at least about 4-5 pages, double-spaced, with 1" margins. Note: This is **not** a research paper assignment. You are not expected to consult any sources other than those used in the class or specified in the question you are answering in the production of this essay. If you feel like you need to look at additional sources, any and all sources other than our texts and any materials specifically referred to in the questions that are consulted in any manner in the production of the essay must be duly cited, whether or not you quote anything from them directly or indirectly. Failure to cite sources consulted in the production of an essay is plagiarism. Assignments for which I have evidence of plagiarism will receive a zero. Violations will be reported to the University Office of Judicial Affairs. A second incident where a student is in violation of the University's Policy on Academic Honesty will result in failure for the course. Please let me know if you have any questions at all.

## Questions for the Second Essay

1. Explain the over-all message of the film "The Human Behavior Experiments" as it relates to criminal justice ethics, and connect this message directly with some aspect(s) of Ladd's notion of the "mischievous side-effects" of ethical codes. In your mind, what features of moral conduct are highlighted by these views?
2. Explain the over-all message of the film "The Human Behavior Experiments" as it relates to criminal justice ethics, and connect this message directly with some aspect(s) of Kleinig's critique of the problems of police codes of ethics. In your opinion, how do Kleinig's ideas about the value of police codes relate to the message of this film?
3. Explain the main argument of Reiman's discussion of attitudes about crime and criminality in "A Crime By Any Other Name." Then, explain how Reiman's position relates to the over-all message of the film "The Human Behavior Experiments," or some aspect(s) of the thinking of any of the authors we discussed earlier this term. In your mind, how do these insights relate to moral issues we might face in everyday life?

**Have a great weekend!**