Short Moral Critique
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Assignment #1: Short Moral Critique

Requirements: The paper should be 4-6 pages in length, double-spaced, 12 point Helvetica font, with 1 inch margins on top and sides. Choose a moral problem in one of the three case studies to base your paper on. The general aim of the paper is to answer the questions at the end of the case study you have chosen. You must use the following outline to structure your paper. Your paper should have these three sections, titled accordingly:

1) Clearly explain what the moral problem is.

What is the relevance of the moral dilemma in the case study you have chosen? What is at stake and why does it matter? Only after you have thoroughly elucidated the problem, can you hope to find a solution or choose a moral stance.

2) What are the arguments?

What are the facts used to support each side of the argument. Do the facts follow, that is, do the facts truly support the conclusion in a logical manner? Are there other factors that have not been considered that would lend strength to one particular moral stance? You should cite any references you use, this is required and adds validity to your paper.

3) What are the conclusions?

After considering all the facts, clearly state what should be done to resolve the problem. Simply giving your opinion isn't enough; you should support your claims with facts and present your argument in a logical fashion. You should make it clear in this section what you believe to be morally right and explain why. Be thorough, but concise; credit will be given to those who present a well-thought-out argument in a clear manner.

Points will be given (or taken away) based on the following criteria:

1) Was the paper written in the required format?
2) Did the paper answer the two questions at the end of the case study it was based on and the questions listed in the outline above?
3) The overall quality of writing (clear, concise, accurate, convincing).