Review

RJ 13, Cybernetics: Tuesday 11:59pm RJ 14, Internet of Things: Nov 16, 11:59pm Ethical Analysis 2: Nov 17, 5pm

What Have We Covered?



◆ Ethical Theories

Ethical Questions

Some Questions



- ◆ What do we mean by...
 - Moral obligation? Moral responsibility? Morally praiseworthy? Morally blameworthy?/
- When is something immoral? Amoral?
- What are 'rights'?
- When is something "right" or "wrong?"
- "This is the best course of action."



Consequentalism



Sometimes "Utilitarianism"

- Maximize the overall good:
 - ◆ 'The greatest good for the greatest number'.



What's "good?" (What can be maximized?)

- Happiness
- ♦ Health
- Security
- ◆ Freedom

Deontology



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- ◆ The right is more important than the good.
 - It's about what you do, not what happens.
- ◆ What is "right?"
 - ◆ The rights of others: "respect for persons"
 - ◆ Treating others well
 - Treating others as we would wish to be treated
 - ◆ The social contract of rational agents

Just-Consequentialism

- Core values: What "goods" do we want to protect?
- Provide for autonomy
 - Life, happiness, abilities, security, knowledge, freedom, opportunities, and resources
- Protect justice, rights, and duties
 - Meet societal obligations
 - Keep promises, obey the law, satisfy contractual duties
- Avoid doing harm
 - Causing an individual to lose these is "doing harm"

Contractualism



Contractualism (contract based)

- Do things where a rational agent would want to live in a world where people did those things.
- ♠ A "social contract" is...
 - Our shared agreement to do those things!
- How do we determine what a rational person wants?

Rights!



- What WHYs (values & principles) have we discussed?
 - ♦ Happiness
 ♦ Respect
- Knowledge

- ♦ Health
 ♦ Autonomy
 ♦ Opportunities
- ♦ Security
 ♦ Life
- Abilities

- ◆ Freedom◆ Security◆ Resources
- Respect for persons
 - Treating others well or as we would wish to be treated
- Contracts
 - Our shared agreement to do those things
 - Keeping promises, fulfilling obligations, obeying the law

Worksheet



- Ethical Analysis goals:
 - Define your question: What are you focusing on?
 - It's not "everything about cryptocurrency."
 - ◆ Take a stance this is not an "overview" paper
 - Justify it! WHY is this the "right" action/policy?
 - Pay special attention to question 4!
- Work with your group on the worksheet
 - But fill it out separately.
- We are here to answer questions and help!

Final Project



- I should have your topic!
- How presentations work
- Deliverables:
 - ◆ Topic (already)
 - Worksheet (Nov 30th)
 - Slides (36 hours before your presentation!)
 - Presentation (as scheduled)
 - ◆ Final Paper (Dec 3rd)
 - ◆ Meeting with instructor (11/26 or sooner)