

INFO 4601

Reflection 1: Ethical Foundations

Due FRIDAY 7/5/22 at 11:59 PM

Make a copy of this document. Fill in your answers below each question. The number indicated is a *minimum* word count.

Your Name:

Readings from this week:

- Manuel Velasquez, Claire Andre, Thomas Shanks, S.J., and Michael J. Meyer. "[What is ethics?](#)" Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University.
- [The Ethical Dilemma of Self-Driving Cars](#), Patrick Lin (TED-Ed, 2015)
- Fink, Sheri. [U.S. Civil Rights Office Rejects Rationing Medical Care Based on Disability Age](#). *The New York Times*. 2020.

Q1. The ethical framework underlying the medical care rationing proposal was described as "ruthless utilitarianism". What is your reaction to this approach? If you agree with this approach, explain why you feel this is an appropriate way to allocate scarce resources. If you disagree with this approach, describe what you would do differently. **[150 words]**

Q2. This week we discussed the trolley problem in class in the context of self driving cars. What are some other examples of moral dilemmas associated with technologies that you've seen in the news? **[100 words]**

Q3. What is the role of ethics in the development and deployment of new technologies? How do you think companies should incorporate ethics into their product development process? If you don't think companies should incorporate ethics into their product development process, explain why. Consider checking out [this article](#) for inspiration. **[250 words]**