

Essay Assignment #2

"Huxley's Lenina is the logical consequence of Singer's utilitarianism."

Take a firm stand on this quotation. Do you agree with it? Or do you disagree with it?

You may only choose one side. No waffling! No equivocation! No fence-sitting! Huxley and Singer want to know where you stand. So do I.

Whether you agree or disagree with the quotation, make sure that you understand exactly *how* and *why* Singer would defend himself against such a claim. He is a smart man who believes himself to be cleverer than his critics.

Your essay should be **3-4 (but no more than 4) typed, double-spaced pages** of careful and exacting reasoning. It should have a thoughtfully chosen title. Make sure that I can follow your argument effortlessly from the first sentence to the last sentence. I will be very attentive to the counterarguments that can be raised against you. Use evidence to support your points. Clarify your terms. At the same time, be concise and to the point.

As always, I do not expect your paper to be perfect. I will simply be pleased if you write the best paper you have ever written in your life. Thus, you should begin your paper as soon as possible. Write a first draft, set it aside, and then return to it once you have had time to reflect on your argument.

In addition, I recommend that you visit the Writing Center to get another perspective. No matter how great a writer you are, it always helps to get someone else's perspective.

Your paper is due to me as an email attachment no later than class time on Tuesday, November 26. Naturally, I will be delighted to receive it earlier.

Good luck!

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