

Reading Questions for March 8

These questions cover part of a chapter by Patrick Boleyn-Fitzgerald called “Experimentation on Human Subjects.” The answers do not have to be turned in. You will probably have to read more than once to get the answers.

*Background:*

This week, we’re looking at the question of whether human experimentation on human subjects is morally acceptable. We’re reading through this chapter by Boleyn-Fitzgerald and we’ll also be looking at some case studies.

*Questions:*

1. In the section titled “Beneficence” (415-6) Boleyn-Fitzgerald outlines what beneficence involves, according to the Belmont Report and to William Frankena. How has the principle of beneficence traditionally been understood? Do you agree with this principle? And how do you think it should be understood? Why?
2. In the section titled “Justice” (416-7) Boleyn-Fitzgerald outlines what justice involves, according to the Belmont Report. How has the principle of justice traditionally been understood? Do you agree with this principle? And how do you think it should be understood? Why?