

Short Writing Assignment 6: Using cases to counterexample views

Instructions: you should print this assignment out and bring it to class on Friday March 3rd. (If you can't bring it to class, you should email it to me; my email address is immerman@ksu.edu. If you email it in, it won't count as turned in unless I send an email confirming I've received it.) This assignment should be one paragraph long. I like to grade as anonymously as possible, so please **do not put your name on the top of the paper, but instead put it on the opposite side of the page or on a second page.** If you have any questions about how to complete the assignment, please let me know.

On page 185, today's author, Feldman, offers a view called "Justicized Act Utilitarianism" (JAU) that he thinks tells us when killing is wrong. You should offer a case that counterexamples his view. (There are two ways to do so: (a) offer a case in which killing is morally wrong but JAU would say it's not (b) offer a case in which killing isn't morally wrong but JAU would say it is.) *(Some suggestions: (1) check out the class notes from last Friday on using cases to counterexample a view. (2) JAU is complicated; to understand it, you will probably have to read pages 182-90, perhaps multiple times. Let me know if you have questions about what it means! Remember to interpret charitably!).*

I will be grading this assignment via the following rubric:

✓+ : you do all three of the following things: (i) you are explicit about how the case provides a counterexample to JAU (ii) your case is convincing (I'll grade this relatively easily.) (iii) you apply the tips from previous assignments.

✓: you do two of the following things: (i) you are explicit about how the case provides a counterexample to JAU (ii) your case is convincing (I'll grade this relatively easily.) (iii) you apply the tips from previous assignments.

✓- : you do at most one of the following things: (i) you are explicit about how the case provides a counterexample to JAU (ii) your case is convincing (I'll grade this relatively easily.) (iii) you apply the tips from previous assignments.