

Mini Paper 5

Instructions: this assignment should be **printed out** and turned in **in class** on **February 18**. (If for some reason you need to email it to me, do so before class starts). This paper should be under a page. 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 can't print double-sided)**. If you have any questions about how to complete the assignment, please let me know.

On pages 48-52 of his article, "The Ethics of Medical Marijuana: Government Restrictions vs. Medical Necessity" Peter A. Clark discusses the principle of double effect. Can the principle of double effect be used to help settle the other debates we've considered so far, namely euthanasia, abortion, and health care? (Note: if you have space, discuss all three, but if not, it's fine to only discuss one or two).

Here are some tips for this paper (these hold for philosophy papers in general). The tips this week won't be things you have to do, but rather will be things you're allowed to do if you want.

- If it's not clear whether something holds, it's fine to say so. Likewise it's fine to mark which points are obvious and which are more controversial.
- It is fine to write using first-person pronouns, e.g. writing "I think that ..." or "I will argue..."