

Mini Paper 7

Instructions: this assignment should be **printed out** and turned in **in class** on **March 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.

I would like you to pick a particular location and give me an argument having to do with the moral acceptability of racial profiling at that location. Some natural choices for locations would be (1) your hometown/city (2) South Bend (3) somewhere in the news (like Ferguson).

Here are some tips for this paper (these hold for philosophy papers in general).

- You can give your argument in premise-conclusion form (i.e. with numbered premises) or in normal paragraphs. If you do the latter, it should be relatively easy for me to reconstruct your argument.
- Because you are making an argument about a certain place, your premises will almost certainly need to include some facts about the place. If these facts are not common knowledge, you should make sure to cite them.
- Meanwhile, because you are making an argument that has to do with morality, you'll want to make sure that your premises say something about morality.
- While there are exceptions, in general a good rule to follow is that your argument should be something that could be used to convince people. This means that your conclusion shouldn't be totally obvious, for if it was totally obvious, then no one would need convincing.