

Inquiry Question

Have you ever wondered why people tend to organize into societies? Hobbes argues that in a natural state human life is “solitary, poore, nasty, brutish and short”.

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General Instructions

Consider Hobbes' argument that in a natural state human life is “solitary, poore, nasty, brutish and short. What makes people organize into societies? Why do those social groups more or less work out to the benefit of the those included? You need to research this in depth.

Start your research with #5: <https://www.iep.utm.edu/hobmoral/#H5>

Watch the video at this link: <https://ethicsunwrapped.utexas.edu/glossary/social-contract-theory>

“Social contract theory says that people live together in society in accordance with an agreement that establishes moral and political rules of behavior. Some people believe that if we live according to a social contract, we can live morally by our own choice and not because a divine being requires it.” (McCombs School of Business, 2018)

Argue for or against social contract theory, using real world examples to make your points.

Keep in mind a philosophy paper is very different from a typical essay. You have to make you are defining terms and explain the theories being presented in your own words, in detail and cited as you would for paraphrasing. See the following outline: <http://www.columbia.edu/~msj5/outlining.htm>

It is very important to use direct quotes from your research and it is vital that you are following the APA guidelines for your intext citations as well as your references list at the end of the essay.

Follow this outline when planning your essay

First, introduce the thinkers and terms/ theories you will writing about.

Second, outline the argument for social contract theory.

Third, outline the most compelling counter arguments.

Fourth, make your case, does social contract theory explain the occurrence of ethics and society or not?

(keep in mind Academic writing is formal in tone and meant to be objective, using cited sources to support an argument or position. This assumes the focus is not the author, but rather the writing (“this essay”, “this report”, “this literature review”).

<http://blogs.ubc.ca/writingcentre/files/2013/01/Tutor-project-Avoid-First-Person-POV.pdf>

Materials you'll need:

- brain
- internet connection
- word processor

- computer

Project submission:

Hand in your essay with your reference page.

upload to the Moodle hand in bin.

Review

Review the following videos from the course:



Review this article: ["Contractarianism \(Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy\)"](#)

It is very important to use direct quotes from your research and the course materials and it is vital that you are following the APA guidelines for your intext citations as well as your references list at the end of the essay. Review the following course page for details on this:

<https://wcln.ca/mod/page/view.php?id=30739>