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Hi Class,

Here is the list of suggested/recommended topics for your final papers attached. I have those copied and pasted below too. If you would like to write about a topic not listed or one more closely related to your field of inquiry, just send me an email before you submit the assignment for approval.

## **PHI208: LIST OF TOPICS**

### TOPICS

These are the topics on which you are to formulate an ethical question to address in your papers, along with a few example sub-topics to help you narrow things down. You should peruse the list of required and recommend readings on each topic for further ideas (the weeks containing those lists is next to the topic heading), and you might think about or do some research into specific controversies that have appeared in the news, that you have heard about, or that you may have personally encountered.

Please consult the guidance on formulating an ethical question to help you with that task.

### **Just War/Military Ethics (Weeks Three and Four) - pick any of the examples**

- The circumstances under which it is or is not legitimate to use military force against another group or country
- The conditions under which killing another person is or is not justified within the context of military action

- When it is or is not legitimate to use certain controversial weapons to conduct military operations, such as drones, nuclear weapons, chemical and biological weapons, or carpet bombs.

- Disobeying unjust or illegal orders given by one's superiors

- The kinds of actions or responses are characteristic of "virtuous" military personnel and their opposites, and how we should understand those virtues.

### **Gender and Equality (Week Five) - pick any of the examples**

- Sexual harassment in the workplace

- Equal pay for equal work

- Hiring discrimination

- Portrayals of men and women in the media or advertising

- The difference that feminine approaches might make to a specific ethical issue

### **Responsibility to Animals (Week Two) - pick any of the examples**

- Raising animals in factory farm conditions

- Raising animals in alternative farming conditions

- Hunting animals for sport

- Using animals for scientific research or testing cosmetics

- Consuming animal products (meat, dairy, eggs, leather, or fur) obtained from animals raised in poor conditions

### **Responsibility to the Environment (Week Four) - pick any of the examples**

- Business practices that impact the environment

- Individual behaviors and choices that impact the environment

- The balancing of governmental regulations intended to protect the environment with individual liberty

- Climate Change

- Clearing forests for farmland

- Protecting wilderness areas

- Protecting endangered species

### **End of Life Medical Issues (Week One) - pick any of the examples**

- Physician-assisted suicide

- Voluntary active euthanasia

- Non-voluntary active euthanasia (such as seriously ill infants, people with dementia or brain damage.)

- Active vs. passive euthanasia

- Euthanasia and/or physician-assisted suicide for non-standard reasons, such as non-

terminal conditions (pain, disability, depression, or free choice)

If you need any help with anything in class, please let me know!

Thanks,

**Professor Moore**

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