INSTRUCTIONS

Your essay should address the question associated with one of the five cases:

“There Will Be Hell to Pay”
“A Pain in the Neck”
“Police Officers Bill of Rights”
“Anti-Vax Tax”
“Forced Chemotherapy

Be sure to indicate clearly which case and question you have selected.

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WRITING AN ETHICS ESSAY:

Since you’re writing on an ethical question, your essay should concentrate on what should be done ethically rather than what is typical, practical, or consistent with a particular set of religious beliefs.

Ethical reasoning focuses on things like consequences, fairness, and rights. Your essay should address topics like the potential personal and societal effects (or consequences) involved, what would be fair, whether or not people’s rights are being violated.

Keep in mind that there is no one definitive answer to the question. The success of your essay depends on how effectively you state your reasons for the position you take.

WRITING TIPS:

Start by identifying the most significant points to be addressed.

Read a variety of opinions on the subject to get an idea of the strengths and weaknesses of the various points of view.

Construct your own argument based upon the information you find most central, significant, and compelling.

Test your argument by discussing the question with people who disagree with you.

Revise several times, getting feedback after each new draft.

Utilize credible sources and cite all sources using an appropriate citation format (MLA, APA, or Chicago) in accordance with the university’s undergraduate academic integrity policy: Academic Integrity Policy Undergraduate Studies
MECHANICS

Essays must be typed (double-spaced) using a twelve-point font. The title page should include the author’s name and contact information, but the text of the paper should be suitable for blind review (no identifying information about the author should be within the paper body, headers, or footers). Essays must not exceed 1,500 words (a word count should be included on the title page; references and citations should not be included in the word count).

Essays should be submitted in electronic form as an attachment to email, in Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx) format, which should be sent to this address: djones1@clemson.edu. Early submissions are welcome. The deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. Monday April 11, 2016.

Winners will be notified by Friday April 22, 2016.