

Philosophy 2330: Science and Society: Philosophy of Medicine
Fall 2022
Third short essay assignment

Please complete your essay and upload it into Blackboard on or before Monday, Nov 21st (late penalties will begin to apply after class on Tuesday, Nov 22).

You are to write an argumentative essay between one and two pages (500-700 words) discussing at least one issue raised by Stengenga's discussion in chapters 12-14. Note that you may wish to turn this short paper into your final longer paper so that might be something you want to consider now. But this is not necessary.

Here are some prompts to get you started on your thinking:

How should we think about psychiatric classification? What are some issues with overclassification or underclassification?

Describe some version of anti-psychiatry and either defend or criticize it.

What level of governmental intervention and control is appropriate in medicine?

How should we think about preventive medicine and government intervention? Should we ban excessively unhealthy foods? (say sugary treats targeted to children).

How should we think about public health vs. individual rights? Should people be forced to get vaccinations? What if we said no, but then insurance didn't cover hospitalization if they got sick? Or they had to pay for the treatment of anyone else they infect?