

Philosophy 2330: Science and Society
Spring 2018
Fifth short essay assignment

Please print your essay and bring it to class on Tuesday, April 17th. **ALSO** please make your essay anonymous by putting your R# at the top of the page and **NOT** your name.

You are to write roughly one page (400-600 words) on something related to evolutionary psychology. This is an argumentative paper. You must describe and defend some particular thesis. A good paper is clear, easy to read, and provides good arguments for its conclusion. But exactly what you write about is open ended. You should use Chapters 3 and 4 of Levy's book as your main sources but of course you could go beyond this.

Here are some examples of sample theses you might try to defend:

- 1) Evolutionary psychology assumes that there is such a thing as a universal human nature. But there isn't.
- 2) If we want to understand human behavior (like mating) we should look to our cultural influences and not to evolution.
- 3) Levy's alternate explanation for female sexual behavior (the patriarchy) will not work because...
- 4) Biological facts about the basis of our behavior are/are not morally relevant because...
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