

Philosophy 2330: Science and Society
Fall 2019
Fifth short essay assignment

Please upload your essay into Blackboard (listed as assignment "essay 5") before class on Friday, Nov 8th. **ALSO** please make your essay anonymous by putting your R# at the top of the page and **NOT** your name.

You are to write an argumentative essay of one to two pages (500-700 words) about the relationship between evolution and ethics or a question related to this topic.

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 quite open ended.

Here are some theses you might want to defend:

- 1) Since evolution is true, certain moral facts are true such as 1, 2, 3...
- 2) Evolution debunks morality and moral nihilism is true.
- 3) Moral nihilism is not true because...
- 4) Widespread moral disagreement is not consistent with Rosenberg's picture of a shared core morality.
- 5) If people came to believe moral nihilism, there would/would not be widespread changes in moral behavior.
- 6) Hume's thesis is false because we can get from is to ought claims.
- 7) Clark argues that the evolution of cooperation can explain part of morality but not all. What is missing is...