

Philosophy 3330 Spring 2021
Reading questions #15
Due Tue, May 4

Read Chapters 13 and 14 of Jacob Stegenga's *Care and Cure: An Introduction to Philosophy of Medicine* and then answer the following questions. Your answers should be uploaded in Blackboard.

1) In chapter 13, Stegenga gives some arguments that favor the libertarian position on biomedical research (let private companies do what they want) and some that favor the socialist position (medical research should in some way be directed or controlled by central government authorities). Pick an argument in favor of one of these positions and evaluate it.

2) Can public health measures that affect a very large number of people who are at a very low risk of problems be justified? Or should medicine be focused on people who are in the most need of care (or at the greatest risk for problems)?

3) After reading the chapter, try to come up with a question that you want answered or a topic that you would like to be discussed further. This could be something that the chapter forced you think about or it could be something that you thought was particularly confusing in the chapter.