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PHIL 2210: Morals and Medicine

Paper 1 grade and comments

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Part 1: topic presentation

The essay provides a thorough, concise summary of the topic	3/4
The essay clearly identifies a moral problem raised by the topic	1/2
The essay thoroughly explains how the topic raises the moral problem	3/3
The essay thoroughly explains the significance of the moral problem	3/4

Part 2: argument presentation

The essay explicitly states important normative and empirical premises	3/4
The essay explains each premise adequately	3/4
The essay clearly describes the support the premises provide for the conclusion	2/3

Part 3: annotated bibliography

The essay includes at least three sources from approved lists/databases in a bibliography	2/3
The essay provides a brief synopsis of each entry in the bibliography	0/3

Total 20/30

This draft has some good discussion going on in it. The topic relates to the class, and you give some discussion that relates to the directions on the paper guide.

It would help things out if you were to give a bit more depth to your presentation of the topic itself, especially in the way that the topic brings out the moral discussion that takes place over the rest of the essay. It's not entirely clear whether you intend for the discussion to focus on all forms of euthanasia or just on some specific varieties early on, which causes some confusion as the essay moves along. Some of that confusion is in the focus the paper is taking, both in terms of the precise ethical worry you're addressing and in terms of the way you're addressing that worry.

You should be able to edit this discussion a bit so that it sets a clearer target than it does in this draft. Adding in a paragraph after the first one in your first paper that lays out the main problem you're trying to address would help sharpen the focus, as would some rephrasing of the arguments you present as the essay moves along. I would imagine that if you gave this draft a thorough proofread, some of those less-focused parts will jump out at you. Rewording those, and potentially adding in a bit of additional discussion, would likely go a long way.



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