

ATS1264 ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

SUBMISSION DATE: by 10:00 am on Monday 26 October (Week 11)

WORD COUNT: 1,800 words (+/- 10%)

ASSESSMENT VALUE: 35%

ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- Respond to one of the assignment questions below within the specified word limit. You will be penalised 10% of the possible marks for the assignment if your submission does not meet this requirement.
- Whichever question you choose to answer, clearly explain your view and support it with good reasons and (when appropriate) reliable evidence. You should also defend your view against potential objections.
- Your essay should include a clear statement of what you intend to argue in the introduction.
- Your essay should engage relevant unit readings and lectures, as well as your own independent research.
- While you need to discuss the arguments and ideas of others, you should avoid *exclusively depending* on these to justify *your* own position. This means using the ideas of others, but not simply describing them as if it is obvious how they contribute to *your* argument.
- Fully reference any sources you draw on and cite in your essay.
- For general guidance on writing an argumentative essay, consult the [Essay Writing Hints](#) and the [Monash Library Research & Learning resource](#).
- If you still have questions, consult your tutor.
- See the Marking Criteria table in the 'Assessment' section of the unit Moodle site for details of the criteria against which your work will be assessed.
- You should refer to at least 6 sources in your essay. These sources should be relevant journal articles, books, or book chapters, including the unit readings.
- In-text referencing is included in the word count, but the reference list is not.
- Include a reference list formatted in accordance with any recognised referencing system (see the Monash library resource '[How to cite and reference](#)').
- Your assignment should be formatted in 12-point font and 1.5 or double spaced, and submitted as a Word document (i.e., *.doc or *.docx) using the submission drop box in the Assessment section of the unit Moodle site.
- You should retain a copy of your assignment.
- You can request an extension of up to 2 days by emailing your tutor with the reason why you need it. If you need a longer extension you'll need to apply for [Special Consideration](#).
- Late assignments are subject to a penalty of 5% of the possible marks for the assignment per calendar day overdue. No assessment task can be accepted if it is more than 10 calendar days overdue unless special consideration has been granted (see the [Assessment extension and late assessment submission policy](#)).

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Is it morally justifiable to give individuals with alcohol-related end-stage liver disease (ARESLD) lower priority than those who are not responsible for their illness when allocating deceased donor livers for transplant?
2. Do you agree that recent developments in behavioural and cognitive neuroscience justify abandoning notions of moral and legal responsibility?
3. Is the state morally justified in 'nudging' its citizens towards better health? If not, why not? If so, under what conditions (if any)?
4. Should medical professionals be allowed to disclose their patient's genetic information to other individuals or institutions without their patient's consent? If not, why not? If so, under what conditions (if any)?
5. Should parents or the legal guardians of children be permitted to authorise pre-symptomatic predictive genetic tests for conditions that manifest in adulthood, or tests for conditions that are, at present, incurable or for which there are no treatments that would significantly alter the onset or severity of symptoms? If not, why not? If so, under what conditions (if any)?
6. In 2013, the New South Wales Parliament considered the proposed Crimes Amendment (Zoe's Law) Bill 2013 (No 2), which sought to amend the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW) to include offences in relation to the destruction of, or harm to, the foetus of a pregnant woman. Do you think legislation such as this is morally and legally justifiable? (Your response could, but does not need to, consider the implications of the recognition of foetal legal personhood for legal access to abortion services.)