

Ethical Analysis Problem Set

Due January 26, 2006

1. Use deontology to analyze whether legislation banning smoking is moral.
2. Using at least two different ethical systems, analyze the proposition that the drinking age should be 18.
3. Consequentialism
 - (a) How has the United States justified the use of nuclear weapons on Japan at the end of World War II?
 - (b) Assume Hitler's Germany had developed nuclear weapons in time to use them to win the Battle of Britain and defeat Britain. Goebbels then uses the same arguments that the United States has used to justify Nazi Germany's use of nuclear weapons. Would Germany's use of nuclear weapons have been moral? Why or why not. *Be certain to leaven your arguments with ethical analyses drawn from one or more of the school of thought we have studied.*
 - (c) What problem in consequentialism does this emphasize?