

Homework #7 (reference list and at least 1 page of essay with 1+ citations):

Due electronically by the start of class on Thursday 21 April 2011

Grading: 15 points for social & ethical content, 35 points for writing

Homework #8 (full essay and reference list):

Due electronically by 11am on Wednesday 4 May 2011

Grading: 25 points for social & ethical content, 125 points for writing

In Section 3.4 of Quinn's Ethics text, we examined the issue of censorship, and Homework 3 explored actions by the Egyptian government to limit access to the internet. Last year, we saw numerous news reports about WikiLeaks releasing US diplomatic cables and other sensitive information, and the many reactions to their actions. It is not uncommon for Western researchers to visit colleagues in China, only to find themselves without access to Facebook or familiar news sources during their visit.

Individuals often try to find ways around this government censorship and to ensure their anonymity when using the internet. Are they justified in hiding their identity in this manner, and what are the boundaries of doing so? If individuals can hide their identity to express opinions or seek information, what prevents them from doing so for nefarious or criminal purposes?

Write an essay of 5-6 pages on government censorship of the internet for political reasons, and the justification of individuals to use anonymity or other techniques to circumvent that censorship, using the ethical systems studied in this class.

As you research this topic, keep track of your sources, and include a reference list on a separate page at the end of the essay (i.e., turn in 5-6 pages for the body of the essay, plus a separate page for the references). Use whatever source material you want, including the class textbook and the web. However, your reference materials must include at least **four** references beyond the class textbook, and of those four, at least **one** must not be available on the web.

Take care to cite your reference sources properly as they are quoted or used in your essay. You should also use a consistent style for the citations in your reference list. One sample citation style is described in a link from the class web page, but you are welcome to use any others that you are familiar with.

Homework #7: Type at least **one page** of your essay, and **a reference list meeting the criteria above**, into a word processor such as Microsoft Word, Open Office, or Google Docs. On that one page of the essay, properly cite one or more of the references.

On a single line at the top of the first page, type "Homework 7" and your name. Save the file in .DOC, .DOCX, or .PDF format, and use **your last name**, a dash, and "**Homework7**" as the name of the file – e.g., "Walker-Homework7.doc". Format the essay as you have done for all of the essays in this class.

Submit the .DOC, .DOCX, or .PDF file containing your essay and reference list to me electronically, via email to walker@cs.kent.edu or rawalke1@kent.edu with "Homework 7" as the subject of the email. I will reply to your email to confirm the receipt of your assignment.

Homework #8: Type your full essay and reference list into a word processor such as Microsoft Word, Open Office, or Google Docs. On a single line at the top of the first page, type “Homework 8” and your name. Save the file in .DOC, .DOCX, or .PDF format, and use **your last name**, a dash, and “**Homework8**” as the name of the file – e.g., “Walker-Homework8.doc”. Format the essay as you have done for all of the essays in this class.

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