

DISCUSS: Kant and the Ethics of Whistleblowing

Purpose

The purpose of this discussion is encourage you to think critically about how Kant's ethical theory would apply to a real world case. Participating in this discussion will help you develop skill in expressing your own positions on difficult moral question.

This assignment aligns with the following learning outcomes:

- Understand Kant's ethical theory
- Apply Kant's ethical theory to analyze cases

Tasks

Please read the following article about one of the most famous whistle blowers of our time Edward Snowden. You may also choose to watch the video interview embedded in the page.

[Edward Snowden: The Whistleblower Behind the NSA surveillance revelations \(Links to an external site.\)](#)[Links to an external site.](#)

After reading the article, please respond to the following question.

- Do you think Kant would approve of Edward Snowden's decision to "leak" secret government information? Be sure to cite concrete details about Kant's theories to support your answer.

In this discussion you will not be able to see the posts of other students until you make your own post.

Criteria for Success

Follow these guidelines to be successful on this discussion.

- Read the assignment grading rubric carefully.
- Keep your first post under **200 words**.
- You have posted your response to the prompt above (due Sunday by 11:59pm).
- You have responded to at least two of your peers (due Tuesday 11:59pm).