

## DEBATE

Topic for December 5th: **Artificial Intelligence Ethics**

**Question: Can we design robots to be moral agents?**

In class I told you that robot research is being conducted to develop algorithms that express moral principles. These algorithms would then be part of the programming of A.I units in the military. There are strong reasons why we would want to have robots that can make moral decisions. For example, it may reduce the number of lives that are lost in wars. But there are also strong reasons why we would not want robots to make moral decisions. Think about almost every robot movie ever made (e.g. Terminator, I, Robot, Ex Machina).

<b>Affirmative: yes we can design moral robots</b>	<b>Negative: no we cannot design moral robots</b>
<b>Jeffrey Tobar</b>	<b>Eamonn Hussie-Taylor</b>
<b>Yanyang Liu</b>	<b>Tais De Jesus</b>
<b>Jessica Adjei</b>	<b>Radhmaely DeLeon</b>
<b>Esther Alvarado</b>	<b>Cherice Heron</b>
<b>Jacques Romain</b>	<b>Murshedur Shahy</b>
<b>Juan Toribio</b>	<b>Alexia Ruiz</b>
<b>Denis Aiken</b>	<b>Kristiana Murphy</b>
<b>Mahmudul Hasan</b>	<b>Diego Mendoza</b>
<b>Jesse S. John</b>	<b>Diane Reid</b>

REMEMBER: The best debaters research both sides of the argument. Each person must contribute (at least) one point to the debate. I will keep track throughout the discussion. If you would like to use any media, such as news clips, movie clips, audio or pictures, LET ME KNOW BEFORE CLASS.

Topic for December 7: **Blame and Excuses**

**Questions: Can an excuse eliminate blame?**

In class we talked about the horrifying story of Robert Harris who committed double homicide. When we hear how he murdered two teenage boys we immediately blame him for this act. But then we are told the story of his youth. We are given a different perspective where it seems that Harris was a victim in life, not just a murderer. Is this excuse enough to eliminate blame? Think about the ways in which blame are tied to moral responsibility and moral protest.

<b>Affirmative: yes excuses eliminate blame</b>	<b>Negative: no excuse can eliminate blame</b>
<b>Irene Espinal</b>	<b>Danyely Checo</b>
<b>Christina Saturn</b>	<b>Emily Ly</b>
<b>Kassandra Gonzalles</b>	<b>Divanna Marte</b>
<b>Jessica Dragos</b>	<b>Francisco Cuadrado</b>
<b>Kahlia Hines</b>	<b>Johanelli Ramos</b>
<b>Krystal Ramroop</b>	<b>Wenely Jimenez</b>
<b>Tandeep Sandhu</b>	<b>Md Tamhid Shadman</b>
<b>Laila Qadar</b>	<b>Lailonee Wells</b>
<b>Chanel Lebron</b>	<b>Jarmine Agustin</b>
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