

Phil 116, First Paper Assignment

Maximum Length: No more than two pages, double spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins

Due: Friday, February 12, by 2:10pm (before the lecture starts). Please hand in your paper, in person, to your GSI. *Please see the syllabus for other relevant policies.*

If you are seriously considering dropping the class, or changing your grading option, please say so at the top of your paper.

Assignment:

Suppose that California law does not require you to ride a motorcycle, but does require you, if you choose to ride a motorcycle, to wear a helmet while riding it.

Answer *one* of the following, on the basis of the reading and lecture:

- (1) Would *Simmons* agree that one has a political obligation to the State of California to wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle?
- (2) Would *Waldron* agree that one has a political obligation to the State of California to wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle?
- (3) Would *Raz* agree that the State of California has legitimate authority over one in this matter?

Explain your answer.

Your answer, of course, may be that it depends. If so, explain what it depends on and why.