

The impact this class has had on me will forever help me in the professional world as I am now able to research with a purpose. In this class I have been challenged to find new ways to decipher why people do the things that they do and if their actions are ethical. My idea of ethics has been expanded so much in the last month while taking this class. My two favorite tools that were used during this course would have to be Deontology and Consequentialism. They both have given me the knowledge on how to figure out if someone's actions are ethical or not.

The first topic that gave me insight into the world of ethics would have to be the Israeli and Iranian cyber war. The cyber war between Iran and Israel has been active for years and has grown exponentially every single year. Many have claimed that cyber war can be considered ethical compared to conventional warfare, but we can see that lives can still be lost during cyber incidents. While writing on this topic my fear deepened about cyber warfare tactics becoming more unethical as we progress throughout the years. During this time I read about hospitals, electricity and water processes within the region getting shut down by nation state hackers. All of these attacks have negatively impacted innocent people. While reading these articles on the attacks I can clearly say that I am educated on the ethics of cyber warfare.

The second topic that broadened my view into the world of ethics would have to be writing about the Equifax hack. Before I wrote about this topic my thoughts on security with financial services were pretty strong. I always felt like they had everything locked down pretty good. After reading this article I can say that my opinion has changed quite a bit on how Equifax handled their failure. Being transparent and honest with your customer base when an attack happens is ethically correct rather than hiding the truth from your consumers. Equifax didn't notify their people properly which caused a major loss of respect for their company. This caused many people to have their information stolen while never even knowing that it even happened.

The last opinion that I had was that Google Street View must have taken a lot of time to fully legally develop based on different countries' social norms when it comes to privacy. I was completely right and my thoughts of this deepened as I got to learn more about the subject. The release caused a lot of backlash with many citizens in different countries complaining about the lack of privacy in the first edition of the product. The data collection was quite invasive to people's personal lives. Many citizens grew afraid that this technology would help people scope out houses for potential crimes like burglary or home invasion.

In the end I am confident to say that I learned a lot about myself and my own thought processes while taking this course. I can now say that my main takeaway from this course is how to fully analyze if something is right or wrong when I am researching with the new tools I have received.