

Student: What are the negative effects of alcohol? -Gina

First revision: Noah's famous drunkenness is but one example of how alcohol has been a constant of human experience for thousands of years, Other examples include Jesus's first miracle, the changing of water to wine for a wedding celebration. Thus alcohol seems to carry many meanings and functions. What are those meanings and functions, and how do they illustrate the complexity of our individual and social lives?

Student: What can be done to make Americans more literate about body mechanics before injury?-Paige

Avoidable physical injuries are tremendously expensive not only for their medical treatment, but also for their cost in lost days of work and pain. Specialists such as physical therapists know how to avoid many of these injuries, but laypeople do not. What are the differences between specialized knowledge and lay knowledge? How does understanding that difference lead to better public education about body mechanics and avoiding injury?

Student: What are the advantages and disadvantages of buying automotive aftermarket parts? Brendon

Aftermarket auto parts are usually adequate substitutes for OEM parts . . . but not always. Aside from knowing how to identify equivalent parts, what issues do aftermarket parts raise about credibility, economic rights (of inventors and individual users), and about reward for innovation. How are these issues also seen in questions about copyright, sampling, and other claims of "ownership"?

Student: Why is ABA Therapy still misunderstood to this day, and how? Allison

Autism remains a problematic disease. Its causes are largely unknown, its symptoms vary, and its treatments are not wholly effective. How does the example of ABA Therapy help us understand the nature of credible medical/psychiatric claims? What claims of ABA Therapy fit with the established "they say" of medical science; what claims are contested? What notions of credibility are important to an accepted medical claim?

Student: How does pay differ in different social classes and affect the quality of education? Katherine

Definitions of socio-economic status (class) recognize the connection between income and social class. However, many other features of our lives define class, including our ideas about what constitutes a legitimate education. What are these ideas about education that separate the classes and what consequence do they have for incomes? [see <http://issuu.com/hughculik/docs/digital-redline-1190-w2016?workerAddress=ec2-52-23-215-130.compute-1.amazonaws.com>]

Student: What are the impacts of gmos-Ray

For thousands of years, humans have selectively bred animals and plants for desirable characteristics. Now, we have "genetically modified organisms." What is the difference between selectively breeding for desirable features and doing "genetic modifications"? What specific differences in the two methods are part of the controversy about using gmos? What

anxieties about “unnatural” organisms sound familiar? [Frankenstein]. How much is this controversy about measurable risk, and how much is it about a different anxiety?

Student: In what ways does people’s taste in music stereotype them? Vinny

Clothes, music, cars, housing, hairstyles, and thousands of other other “things” are tools for creating specific identities. Consciously and unconsciously, we signal our identity with them. What kind of bind does this create for the person who wants to be unique, but has to use such tools? Two problems frequently arise: first, the users of particular styles become annoyed when their choices are recognized as a performance of existing identities; second, some of these identities have contempt for other identities? Why does music seem to be a place where such conflicts arise?

Student: How can quantum computing change the future of technology. Brandon(Reconsidering ISP’s)

Quantum computing relies on very recent “discoveries” in physics that enable computers to process signals at unimaginable speeds and with tremendous security. What exactly is quantum computing and what are the futures that some people are imagining for a society with such tools? What do these imaginary futures ignore about human, social behavior?

Student: Does the media and it’s many formats affect or dictate citizens and their lifeviews/styles and opinions? - Alex

Political organizations now rely on immense data bases to shape their message for a variety of audiences. Eitan Hirsh reports, In the course of the 2016 election, the Trump campaign ended up relying on three voter databases: the one supplied by Cambridge Analytica, with its 5,000 data points on 220 million Americans including, according to its website, personality profiles on all of them; the RNC’s enhanced Voter Vault, which claims to have more than 300 terabytes of data, including 7,700,545,385 microtargeting data points on nearly 200 million voters; and its own custom-designed one, called Project Alamo, culled in part from the millions of small donors to the campaign and e-mail addresses gathered at rallies, from sales of campaign merchandise, and even from text messages sent to the campaign.”

After view Eli Pariser’s TED talk about personalization, how would you describe the effect of such data on voters and on democracy itself?

Student: How did we arrive that certain dog breeds are to be outlawed. -megan

Aside from the fact that pitbulls are evil . . . Oh, ok. Risk is a feature of biological life. We run the risk of accident, injury, disease, disappointment, etc., but we find some risks more tolerable than others. The differences in what we tolerate thus are a window on our values and beliefs. What are the relative risks of injury by a banned breed such as a pitbull in comparison to the risk posed by handguns? Why is one form of risk more tolerable than other, i.e., what values are at work?

Student: Why can't we stop human trafficking? -Megan B.

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Student: How/what do children have to go through to develop the psychological issues needing help? - Raneem

Children develop psychological problems for a variety of reasons; some are internal, some biological, some social. These reasons have changed over time. For example, we used to confidently assert that a mentally ill person was “possessed” by demons, or that the balance of their “humors” were out of balance. What is the history of how we explain the “cause” of a specific mental illness? Choose a specific illness such as depression, autism, etc.

Student: Why are we just recognizing opioid crisis?-Janel

Opiates such as heroin have damaged Americans since the Pilgrims brought laudanum over on the Mayflower. The substance has spread to across categories of race, ethnicity, gender, class, etc. The problem is a constant of our culture, but it receives varying amounts of attention. When do opioids start to become a “problem”; when are they ignored? What do these differences tell you about the values of American culture?

Student: How can we humanely and environmentally store nuclear waste? -Noah H

Why do people pretend that something with a half-life of 250,000 years can be handled “safely”? Is this a form of madness; a form of historical ignorance; a suicidal . . . etc.

Student: Video games Tyler-K

Video games are sometimes developed in collaboration with the U.S. military. Why do these companies collaborate? Do the themes, plots, screen organizations, tactics and other features of a specific game serve an invisible training purpose? What ethical questions does the secrecy and invisibility of this overlap pose?

Student: Should we have rights and laws for our data? Or should there be transparency on the data?-Brock

How do American people think about nutrition? Sama

Should people need to exercise more to stay healthy or exercise in the right way? Jinying

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Why don't Early Childhood Educators make more money? Kayla

Why don't first responders make more money? Maria

How are ideas about race, patriotism, & sports played out in anthem protests? Laith

Are dealerships needed in this connected world? Julian

Why is it hard for some people to gain weight effectively? Dylan

How has technology affected the 21st century?-Najm

Can your DNA tell the story of your ancestors? Sarmad

Why does music make us feel? -Connor

Is the continued use of carbon and other environmental hazardous materials permanently damaging the world's balance of habitats? Julia

Should mentally disabled people be allowed to marry without losing part or all of their benefit? Christina

How are body cameras affecting police officers interaction with citizens? Ashley

Should FIFA expand the world cup to 48 team?- juliano

Why isn't soccer popular in the US? -Jan

Why is vaccination in America so controversial?- Mita

Why can't soccer be popular in America? - Kyra

How can the NFL reconcile between multiple cultures of their fans? Rochelle

Why is cognitive emotional behavioral therapy the go to treatment?Brie

Why do some companies test their products on animals when there are other ways to test if their products are safe for humans? -Isabella

Has the stress level of students gone up over the years? - Marie

How was the company "Apple" created? -julian