

Class Activity 1

Last year, Uber has been in the news because of their autonomous vehicle testing program in North America. After a 49-year old woman was struck and killed by one of its cars while crossing a Tempe, Arizona street, the company decided to halt this program. Discuss the moral responsibilities of various stakeholders involved in this incident: 1) Uber; 2) The driver behind the wheel; 3) The pedestrian; and 4) Lawmakers. Use the following two ethical theories – social contract theory and rule utilitarianism.

Class Activity 2

Is it wrong to work on an intelligent machine if it can't be guaranteed the machine will be benevolent toward humans? Who takes the ownership of unforeseen outcomes?

Class Activity 3

Related to the Cambridge Analytica scandal, perform a stakeholder analysis, focused on the ethical responsibility of: 1) Cambridge Analytica, 2) Facebook, and 3) Donald Trump's presidential campaign. Analyze using Kantian, act utilitarian, and social contract theory perspectives.