

Law Review Writing Competition (2009)

Problem

In *The Google Dilemma*, 53 N.Y.L. Sch. L. Rev. 939 (2008-09), also available at http://www.nyls.edu/user_files/1/3/4/17/49/195/256/11Grimmelmann534.pdf, Professor James Grimmelmann argues that no Internet search engine can be entirely apolitical, and that each search engine must make substantive choices about the results it delivers. In 3000 words or less, describe (in your own words) what Prof. Grimmelmann means by the “Google Dilemma,” and show how each of the five stories he tells illustrates that dilemma.

Instructions

You may use any source you think is appropriate for this assignment. However, you will not be evaluated on your research skills; rather, you will be evaluated based on the cogency of your analysis, and the precision of your language and citation form. This includes your ability to clearly explain Professor Grimmelmann’s position by direct reference to his examples and arguments. Thus, your time would be best utilized reading *The Google Dilemma* and the material cited in its footnotes very closely, rather than doing additional outside legal research except as is necessary to understand the article. [Please note that your Westlaw and Lexis passwords will continue to work if you sign into those services and follow the prompts to extend your access for the summer.]

You must use footnotes to support your analysis where needed, and all your citations must conform to either proper Bluebook or ALWD style. If you have any question about when footnotes are appropriate, you should look at any issue of the Law Review to see when and how footnotes are used. In general, when referring to Prof. Grimmelmann’s article, you should provide a proper citation to the article. When referring to other sources, you should cite to that material directly. Your paper must have a cover sheet with your full name and a word count (most word processing programs will do this for you); otherwise, your name must not appear anywhere else on the paper. You may NOT consult with anyone else in writing this paper, but you may use any source available to you as long as you properly attribute your source material. Remember that quoted material must be properly identified through the use of quotation marks or by indenting and single-spacing.

Please double space your paper, print on one side of the page, use 1 inch margins, 12 point Times New Roman font, and page numbers. Footnotes should be single spaced in 10 point Times New Roman font. (Footnote text counts for purposes of word count).

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