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**ECS 188 — Basic Attitudes Regarding Technology and Ethics**

Please rate your **personal belief** in each statement according to the following scale:

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| ⓿①②③ | ⓪❶②③ | ⓪①❷③ | ⓪①②❸ |
| Strongly Disagree | Mostly Disagree | Mostly Agree | Strongly Agree |

1. ⓪①②③ Technology has vastly improved the quality of most people’s lives.
2. ⓪①②③ Technologically-created problems are usually amenable to technological solutions.
3. ⓪①②③ Technology itself is value-neutral: it is what people *do* with the technology that is right/wrong.
4. ⓪①②③ It’s impossible to accurately predict how a technology will be used, so it makes little sense to try.
5. ⓪①②③ Technology is driven primarily by human desires, as expressed through the marketplace.
6. ⓪①②③ There’s a good chance that human society will collapse as a result of environmental degradation.
7. ⓪①②③ There’s a good chance that human society will collapse from a man-made disaster (nuclear war,

biotech/nanotech accident, etc.)

1. ⓪①②③ Because of technological advances, I will probably live longer than my same-gender parent.
2. ⓪①②③ I am generally optimistic about our collective future.
3. ⓪①②③ The work an engineer does is inherently political.
4. ⓪①②③ In making public-policy decisions involving technology, we should rely mostly on the advice of

experts.

1. ⓪①②③ It is morally acceptable to work at a US national laboratory that designs, modifies, or tests nuclear

weapons.

1. ⓪①②③ It is morally acceptable to develop software for the guidance system of a US “smart bomb.”
2. ⓪①②③ It is morally acceptable to work on oil-field exploration/exploitation technology for   
    BP/Chevron/Exxon.
3. ⓪①②③ It is morally acceptable to buy from companies (eg, Apple, Nike) that exploit poor workers.
4. ⓪①②③ It is morally acceptable to eat beef.
5. ⓪①②③ It is morally acceptable for an able-bodied student who lives in Davis to routinely drive to school.
6. ⓪①②③ There is no “right” or “wrong” in this world; everything is relative to one’s cultural norms or

personal beliefs.

1. ⓪①②③ Most people behave ethically most of the time.
2. ⓪①②③ Most corporations behave ethically most of the time.
3. ⓪①②③ It’s important to me that my life have a net positive influence on the state of the world.
4. ⓪①②③ When considering my future employer, the societal impact of what they do will be a key  
    consideration.
5. ⓪①②③ I am morally obligated to following the law even if I don’t agree with it.
6. ⓪①②③ Educated people tend to behave more ethically than uneducated people.
7. ⓪①②③ Major aspects of my moral perspective are unlikely to change at this point in time.