

Third Discussion Paper (Due Tuesday, November 26):

Write a five-page essay on one of the following topics.

1. In his classic essay, *On Liberty*, John Stuart Mill famously introduced the “no harm to others” principle for bounding the domain of legitimate state or societal interference in one’s private affairs. Explain how the principle works, with examples, and then argue for or against it, both in general, and in specific application to the question of sex with robots.
2. Is it morally permissible to create fully humanoid artificial persons solely for the purpose of specific servitude?
3. As more responsibility for the care of the elderly and the infirm is handed over to robots, are we abdicating a fundamental human responsibility by depriving those in our care of genuine human interactions or are we achieving a social good by providing more competent and cost-effective care to a great number of people in need?
4. Is engineering full sociality for robots, in principle, a computationally intractable problem?