

RESC 098 TECHNOLOGY EQUALS PROGRESS?

Week 4 assignments

Read Francis Fukuyama's "The Prolongation of Life" and Gregory Stock's "Catching the Wave" chapter and prepare a two-paragraph response for each assignment.

Writing Assignment 4A:

Fukuyama discussed several consequences of extending the life expectancy of humans. In paragraph 1, describe one of these consequences. Include one, and only one, quotation. In paragraph 2, describe how Stock would respond to Fukuyama's concern. Include one quote from Stock.

Writing Assignment 4B:

"Germline intervention to control the aging process is an inevitable consequence of our society's technological advancements."

Present an argument to either support or refute this proposition. In paragraph 1, state your claim and lay out the evidence you will use to support it. In paragraph 2, explain how that evidence supports your claim. Use one quotation from each of Fukuyama's and Stock's chapters.

Use the template containing the rubric and limit each response to 500 words or fewer. Print each assignment on a separate page and bring a hard copy to Tuesday's class.

Journal Entry 4:

Before Wednesday midnight, read the Stock and Fukuyama chapters and reflect on some aspect in the readings that challenged your current framework. Briefly discuss the issue and reflect on what triggered you to respond so strongly.

Finally, end by proposing a discussion question suitable for our Thursday class.

Survey Question:

Prepare 4 or 5 survey questions leading up to the final question: "Do you think your generation is happier today than your parents' generation when they were your age?" Your group will be assigned to solicit either a 'yes' or 'no' response.