

Throughout this course, I was able to review different perspectives and topics that I initially had not had the privilege to view. This includes an in-depth comparison to generational differences (the idea of loyalty) as well as topics I had not considered until taking this course. Amongst those topics were a few that really caught my attention or deepened my understanding.

Whistleblowing, I admit, was a term I had not fully understood before entering this course. I knew about whistleblowing, but I didn't quite grasp the concept. I was especially clueless to the legal responsibilities of whistleblowing, and the differing concepts and opinions about loyalty. Whistleblowing was something that seemed iffy and against what someone would stand for. I've come to realize that whistleblowing is a legal matter, and as Vandekerckhove and Oxley suggest, should be institutionalized in order for whistleblowers to receive proper treatment for their actions. Whistleblowing is an opportunity for people to speak up about subjects they deem crucial, especially if a company is deceiving people. Additionally, this topic made me realize that definition is crucial to understanding a position. What truly is loyalty? That was something that felt natural to me. Loyalty is simply being loyal, but that isn't necessarily the case. My whole perspective on loyalty changed. If anything is left open to interpretation, it can lead to dramatically different positions - such as the lack of properly defining workplace loyalty and the ability to remain loyal while still doing something that's seemingly unloyal. A key takeaway that I have from this module is that it's possible to remain loyal to someone or something while still doing what's necessary to help or aid that someone or something - a position that I've been struggling with since childhood. Just because you do something that feels against your initial claim to loyalty or even affection doesn't necessarily mean it is. This is especially true in the business world, doing what's necessary for the people is the highest form of loyalty.

Something that garnered most of my attention is the comparison between earlier generations and current generations and their idea of corporate responsibility. There is a huge gap in opinions - and I had not realized the extent of that gap until the position came up. At first, I hadn't taken the time to form an opinion on corporate responsibility for the people - it didn't seem necessary because I believed that corporations have no such responsibility. There felt like a disconnect between the people and major corporations, which is why it never concerned me. However, this module urged for a change in perspective - especially because of the major generational gap. People still want fast, speedy growth, when in reality, we need to focus on stability and trust in corporations and how they treat the people. The module mentioned how corporations are an organ to society, which gave me an epiphany. Corporations do so much to and for society, and thus, should be held accountable for the actions they do - whether that includes the good or the bad. It baffles me, after going through this module, that people are so fixated on past beliefs when our society is so vastly different now. One of the major takeaways I got from this is to lead with an open mind - in the sense that past

standards don't always apply to today's standards. People grow complacent with their positions, but what we believe is comfortable doesn't mean we should continue it. Our society is changing faster than we can keep up, which is why we need to begin thinking ahead.

The vast and expansive nature of the internet and cyberspace is something I've always been aware of, and even the dangerous nature of its anonymity and power. But something that didn't strike me until this module was the blurriness of its boundaries. When discussing cyberwarfare, and the laws governing cyberspace, I felt a little out of place. What I thought I knew wasn't necessarily true. I believe this is because I live within my own bubble and don't go beyond my boundaries. For some reason, I unintentionally believed that cyberspace was divided in some aspects. Unfortunately, that is not the case. As the cyberwarfare module pointed out, there's a lack of laws that properly govern cyberspace - so much so that people have begun confusing attacks for cyberwarfare and vice versa. At this point, I've begun to question, where do we draw the line? My main takeaway from this discussion was to be more aware of the dangers of cyberspace, but to also consider the future of cyberspace and the possible laws which could help protect nations and individuals. Overall, though, to consider the lack of governance and prepare in accordance with my own future in the cybersecurity profession.

Overall, the one major takeaway I had from this course is the complex nature of philosophy and the role it plays in the real world. I had not realized the different moral beliefs could play such a major role in relation to the world around us - and how those beliefs change from person to person. If I could tell my future one thing after taking this course, it would be to remember those different beliefs and take them into consideration - rather than maintaining a flat stance. This will provide understanding and allow for growth.