## 1

#### A] Interpretation: Debaters may not read independent framework justifications that are not part of a complete syllogism or theory of power. To clarify, an independent justification defends only one part of the complete framework and can be extended by itself to justify the entirety of their standard

#### [B] Violation: They read aspecc , intent foresight, extinction, etc.

#### [C] Standards:

[1] time skew: I necessarily have to respond to every framework justification because conceding even one is damning, but they can extend any to win the round. Makes them functionally NIBs since a response can’t be offensive and they each need to be line by lined. Outweighs on magnitude since their frameworks take a longer time to line by line but the utility of each response is marginal since they don’t need to extend it.

[2] phil ed: their model incentivizes debaters to bastardize utilitarianism by extending one justification that only partially makes the framework true and spinning it to defend all of the standard – kills clash since we only debate the least contested aspect of util and it’s an inaccurate defense of the theory.

#### Fairness – debate’s a competitive activity and the better debater should win. Education – it’s the only portable skill we take out of round.

#### Drop the debater 1] a loss deters more abuse

#### Competing interps 1] Race to the bottom – people will be abusive and have arbitrary brightlines to justify their practices 2] Collapses – offense/defense debate about the brightline is competing interps

#### No RVIs 1] Chilling effect – RVIs discourage theory for fear of a loss. Kills norms since a hyper fair world is better than one with unfairness that goes uncontested 2] logic – you shouldn’t win for being fair or educational – outweighs – logic is a litmus test for arguments

## 2

#### Permissibility and presumption negate – (a) the resolution indicates the aff has to prove an obligation, and permissibility would deny the existence of an obligation (b) Statements are more often false than true because any part can be false. This means you negate if there is no offense because the resolution is probably false.

#### Morality must be grounded in a priori truth to guide action, otherwise everyone would have different ethical codes and follow different rules. And, truth exists independent of human experience since certain things can be self-proving, i.e. a triangle has three sides. This is the difference between a priori and a posteriori. Things that are true by observation are just true by a matter of chance. For example, the cat may be on the mat, but we can also conceive of a world in which the cat is not on the mat. In contrast, we can’t conceive of a world in which a triangle does not have three sides since it is tautologically true. Reject a posteriori truth since they are just arbitrary states of being, not constitutive of ethics.

#### Ethics must be derived from the constitutive features of agents – ethics based internally fail because they can’t generate universal obligations and ethics based externally fail because they are nonbinding as agents could opt-out and have no motivation to follow them which means they fail to guide action.

#### Constitutivism solves – it allows for universal obligations among all agents but they are binding and cannot be opted out of.

#### Also:

#### [1] Uncertainty – our experiences are inaccessible to others which allows people to say they don’t experience the same, however a priori principles are universally applied to all agents.

#### [2] Bindingness – I can keep asking “why should I follow this” which results in relatvism since obligations are predicated on ignorantly accepting rules. Only reason solves since asking “why reason?” requires reason which concedes its authority and equally proves agency as constitutive.

#### And, a priori truth has to apply to everyone: (a) absent universal ethics, morality becomes arbitrary and fails to guide action, which means that ethics is rendered useless, (b) it’s a tautological contradiction any non-universal norm justifies someone’s ability to impede on your ends, which also means universalizability acts as a side constraint on all other frameworks.

**Siyar 99** Jamsheed Aiam Siyar: Kant’s Conception of Practical Reason. Tufts University, 1999**:**

Now, **when I represent my end as to be done, I represent it as binding me to certain courses of action**, precluding other actions, etc. **Thus, my ends function as constraints for me in that they determine what I can** or must **do** (at least if I am to be consistent). I may of course give up an end such as that of eating ice cream at a future point; yet while I have the end, I must see myself as bound to do what is necessary to realize it.35 Thus, I must represent my ends as constraints that I have adopted, constraints that structure the possible space of choice and action for me. Further, given that my end is rationally determined, I take it to be generally recognizable that my end functions as a rationally determined constraint. That is, I take it that other subjects can also recognize my end as an objective constraint, for I take it that they as well as myself can cognize its determining grounds—the source of its objective worth—through the exercise of reason. Indeed, **in representing an end, I** in effect **demand recognition for it from other subjects: since the end functions as an objective though self-imposed constraint for me**, I must demand that this constraint be recognized as such. The thought here is simply that **if I am committed to some end,** e.g. my ice cream eating policy, I must act in certain ways to realize it. In this context, **I cannot be indifferent to the** attitudes and **actions of others, for these may either help or hinder my pursuit of my end. Hence, if I am** in fact **committed to realizing my end,** i.e. if I represent an end at all, **I must demand that the worth of my end**, its status as to be done, **be recognized by others.**

#### Consequentialism fails – A] Predictions assumes specific causes of past consequences which can’t be verified as the actual cause B] Butterfly effect - every action has infinite consequences so it is impossible to evaluate an action; one government policy could end up causing nuclear war in a million years. C] Aggregation is impossible – pleasure and pain are subjective

#### Freedom follows

#### [1] Its impossible to will a violation of freedom, since it necessarily entails a violation of your own freedom thus violating your will.

#### [2] We could not hold agents responsible for their actions if we did not assume them to have the freedom to control their actions for themselves.

**And the universality of freedom justifies a libertarian state.**

**OTTESON 9 brackets in original** James R. Otteson (professor of philosophy and economics at Yeshiva University) “Kantian Individualism and Political Libertarianism” The Independent Review, v. 13, n. 3, Winter 2009

In a crucial passage in Metaphysics of Morals, Kant writes that the “Universal Principle of Right” is **“‘[e]very action which by itself or by its maxim enables the freedom of each individual’s will to co-exist with the freedom of everyone else** in accordance with a universal law is right.’” He concludes, “Thus the universal law of right is as follows: let your external actions be such that the free application of your will can co-exist with the freedom of everyone in accordance with a universal law” (1991, 133, emphasis in original).5 This stipulation **becomes** for Kant **the grounding justification for the existence of a state**, its raison d’être, and **the reason we leave the state of nature is to secure this sphere of maximum freedom compatible with the same freedom of all others**. **Because this freedom must be complete**, in the sense of being **as full as possible** given the existence of other persons who demand similar freedom, it entails that **the state may**—indeed, must—**secure this condition** of freedom, **but undertake to do nothing else because any other** state **activities would compromise the very autonomy the state seeks to defend**. Kant’s position thus outlines and implies a political philosophy that is broadly libertarian; that is, it endorses a state constructed with the sole aim of protecting its citizens against invasions of their liberty. For Kant, **individuals create a state to protect their moral agency, and** in doing so **they consent to coercion only insofar as it is required to prevent themselves** or others **from impinging on** their own or **others’ agency**. In his argument, individuals cannot rationally consent to a state that instructs them in morals, coerces virtuous behavior, commands them to trade or not, directs their pursuit of happiness, or forcibly requires them to provide for their own or others’ pursuits of happiness. And except in cases of punishment for wrongdoing,6 this severe limitation on the scope of the state’s authority must always be respected: “The rights of man must be held sacred, however great a sacrifice the ruling power may have to make. There can be no half measures here; it is no use devising hybrid solutions such as a pragmatically conditioned right halfway between right and utility. For all politics must bend the knee before right, although politics may hope in return to arrive, however slowly, at a stage of lasting brilliance” (Perpetual Peace, 1991, 125). The implication is that a Kantian state protects against invasions of freedom and does nothing else; in the absence of invasions or threats of invasions, it is inactive.

#### Thus, the standard is consistency with with a libertarian state of non-interference.

### Offense

#### I negate: resolved: The appropriation of outer space by private entities is unjust.

#### Libertarianism mandates a market-oriented approach to space—that negates

Broker 20 [(Tyler, work has been published in the Gonzaga Law Review, the Albany Law Review and the University of Memphis Law Review.) “Space Law Can Only Be Libertarian Minded,” Above the Law, 1-14-20, <https://abovethelaw.com/2020/01/space-law-can-only-be-libertarian-minded/>] TDI

The impact on human daily life from a transition to the virtually unlimited resource reality of space cannot be overstated. However, when it comes to the law, a minimalist, dare I say libertarian, approach appears as the only applicable system. In the words of NASA, “2020 promises to be a big year for space exploration.” Yet, as Rand Simberg points out in Reason magazine, it is actually private American investment that is currently moving space exploration to “a pace unseen since the 1960s.” According to Simberg, due to this increase in private investment “We are now on the verge of getting affordable private access to orbit for large masses of payload and people.” The impact of that type of affordable travel into space might sound sensational to some, but in reality the benefits that space can offer are far greater than any benefit currently attributed to any major policy proposal being discussed at the national level. The sheer amount of resources available within our current reach/capabilities simply speaks for itself. However, although those new realities will, as Simberg says, “bring to the fore a lot of ideological issues that up to now were just theoretical,” I believe it will also eliminate many economic and legal distinctions we currently utilize today. For example, the sheer number of resources we can already obtain in space means that in the rapidly near future, the distinction between a nonpublic good or a public good will be rendered meaningless. In other words, because the resources available within our solar system exist in such quantities, all goods will become nonrivalrous in their consumption and nonexcludable in their distribution. This would mean government engagement in the public provision of a nonpublic good, even at the trivial level, or what Kevin Williamson defines as socialism, is rendered meaningless or impossible. In fact, in space, I fail to see how any government could even try to legally compel collectivism in the way Simberg fears. Similar to many economic distinctions, however, it appears that many laws, both the good and the bad, will also be rendered meaningless as soon as we begin to utilize the resources within our solar system. For example, if every human being is given access to the resources that allows them to replicate anything anyone else has, or replace anything “taken” from them instantly, what would be the point of theft laws? If you had virtually infinite space in which you can build what we would now call luxurious livable quarters, all without exploiting human labor or fragile Earth ecosystems when you do it, what sense would most property, employment, or commercial law make? Again, this is not a pipe dream, no matter how much our population grows for the next several millennia, the amount of resources within our solar system can sustain such an existence for every human being. Rather than panicking about the future, we should try embracing it, or at least meaningfully preparing for it. Currently, the Outer Space Treaty, or as some call it “the Magna Carta of Space,” is silent on the issue of whether private individuals or corporate entities can own territory in space. Regardless of whether governments allow it, however, private citizens are currently obtaining the ability to travel there, and if human history is any indicator, private homesteading will follow, flag or no flag. We Americans know this is how a Wild West starts, where most regulation becomes the impractical pipe dream. But again, this would be a Wild West where the exploitation of human labor and fragile Earth ecosystem makes no economic sense, where every single human can be granted access to resources that even the wealthiest among us now would envy, and where innovation and imagination become the only things we would recognize as currency. Only a libertarian-type system, that guarantees basic individual rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness could be valued and therefore human fidelity to a set of laws made possible, in such an existence.

#### Self-ownership justifies the appropriation of property – our freedom necessitates being able to set and pursue external things as our ends, including exercising our rights on property. Restricting this arbitrarily limits our freedom which is unjust.

Feser 3, (Edward Feser, 1-1-2005, accessed on 12-15-2021, Cambridge University Press, "THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN UNJUST INITIAL ACQUISITION | Social Philosophy and Policy | Cambridge Core", Edward C. Feser is an American philosopher. He is an Associate Professor of Philosophy at Pasadena City College in Pasadena, California. [https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/social-philosophy-and-policy/article/abs/there-is-no-such-thing-as-an-unjust-initial-acquisition/5C744D6D5C525E711EC75F75BF7109D1)[brackets](https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/social-philosophy-and-policy/article/abs/there-is-no-such-thing-as-an-unjust-initial-acquisition/5C744D6D5C525E711EC75F75BF7109D1)%5bbrackets) for gen lang]//phs st

V. Some Implications If what I have argued so far is correct, then the way is opened to the following revised case for strongly libertarian Lockean-Nozickian prop-erty rights: We are self-owners, having full property rights to our body parts, powers, talents, energies, etc. As self-owners, we also have a right, given the SOP, not to have our self-owned powers nullified —we have the right, that is, to act within the extra-personal world and thus to acquire rights to extra-personal objects that the use of our self-owned powers requires.39 This might involve the buying or leasing of certain rights or bundles of rights and, correspondingly, the acquiring of lesser or greater degrees of ownership of parts of the external world, but as long as one is able to exercise one’s powers to some degree and is not rendered incapable of acting within that world, the SOP is satisfied. In any case, such rights can only be traded after they are first established by initial acquisition. In initially acquiring a resource, an agent does no one an injustice (it was unowned, after all). Furthermore, [they] has mixed [their] labor with the resource, significantly altering it and/or bringing it under his control, and is himself solely responsible for whatever value or utility the resource has come to have. Thus, [they] has a presumptive right to it, and, if his control and/or alteration (and thus acquisition) of it is (more or less) complete, his own- ership is accordingly (more or less) full. The system of strong private property rights that follows from the acts of initial acquisition performed by countless such agents results, as a matter of empirical fact, in a market economy that inevitably and dramatically increases the number of resources available for use by individuals, and these benefited individuals include those who come along long after initial acquisition has taken place. (Indeed, it especially includes these latecomers, given that they were able to avoid the hard work of being the first to “tame the land” and draw out the value of raw materials.)40 The SOP is thus, in fact, rarely, if ever, violated. The upshot is that a system of Lockean-Nozickian private property rights is morally justified, with a strong presumption against tampering with exist- ing property titles in general. In any case, there is a strong presumption against any general egalitarian redistribution of wealth, and no case what- soever to be made for such redistribution from the general theory of prop- erty just sketched, purged as it is of the Lockean proviso, with all the egalitarian mischief-making the proviso has made possible.

## Case

### Debris

**Probability – 0.1% chance of a collision.**

**Salter 16** [(Alexander William, Economics Professor at Texas Tech) “SPACE DEBRIS: A LAW AND ECONOMICS ANALYSIS OF THE ORBITAL COMMONS” 19 STAN. TECH. L. REV. 221 \*numbers replaced with English words] TDI

The probability of a collision is currently low. Bradley and Wein estimate that the maximum probability in LEO of a collision over the lifetime of a spacecraft remains below one in one thousand, conditional on continued compliance with NASA’s deorbiting guidelines.3 However, the possibility of a future “snowballing” effect, whereby debris collides with other objects, further congesting orbit space, remains a significant concern.4 Levin and Carroll estimate the average immediate destruction of wealth created by a collision to be approximately $30 million, with an additional $200 million in damages to all currently existing space assets from the debris created by the initial collision.5 The expected value of destroyed wealth because of collisions, currently small because of the low probability of a collision, can quickly become significant if future collisions result in runaway debris growth.

#### Debris removal projects happening now – no uniqueness to the plan.

Sean Ainley, 20 [Sean Ainley. “Looking to the Stars for the Silver Lining”. 4-8-2020. Astroscale. https://astroscale.com/looking-to-the-stars-for-the-silver-lining/. Accessed 7-25-2021] ab

The spread of COVID-19 has been a troubling welcome to the new decade. However, if there is a potential silver lining to recent events, it may be that this is a timely reminder of how as a species, we are all intrinsically linked. We breathe the same air, share the same ecosystem and inhabit the same fragile planet that is the one and only home to all known living creatures. The degree to which the spread of this virus has shaped our day-to-day lives perhaps highlights that, as humanity, we cannot take tomorrow for granted. A bright future is not a guarantee, but instead must be something that we strive for, by recognising the issues we collectively face, and putting in place the hard work and determination to do what is right for ourselves, those around us, and the generations yet to come. Astroscale was founded on the ideal of working to address an environmental issue which similarly has the potential to affect us all – the accumulation of human-made debris in our orbital environment. As we have become more reliant on satellites for nearly every aspect of our daily lives, the orbits in which these resources reside have become increasingly contaminated and dangerous. In the past, the technologies necessary for removing orbital debris either did not exist, were not adequately supported, or were prohibitively expensive to implement. Although those challenges still remain, the technologies are improving to the level where real and positive progress toward sustainability can be achieved. Furthermore, there is a collective recognition among government legislators and private business leaders that a shift in policy is essential to solve this problem. We are collectively reaching the point where we can, almost literally, reach toward the stars and take the steps necessary to pursue a sustainable tomorrow. Astroscale continues to firmly believe in this vision and has established teams across the globe to address this challenge. Our End-of-Life Services by Astroscale-demonstration (ELSA-d) mission, which is going through final testing in Japan, is on schedule to launch later this year. This will mark a huge first step forward, demonstrating unassisted rendezvous and docking of objects in space. In the UK, the Astroscale team has been working to evolve and further progress the technology from ELSA-d to develop commercially viable solutions to remove failed satellites and other orbital debris. Finally, Astroscale’s US office has been pursuing the solutions necessary to develop a market that can be a path to orbital environmental sustainability. Together, our global Astroscale teams are working collaboratively to solve the technical, policy and business challenges of debris removal, and moving society toward the global goal of responsible use of the orbital environment. Although the next few months will continue to offer uncertainty as we find solutions for this global pandemic, Astroscale believes that great endeavours can be achieved through the vision, hard work, and application of the same spirit that has moved humankind forward over past millennia. Let’s continue to look toward space as a silver lining during challenging times, and resolve to do what is necessary to build a brighter tomorrow, by taking the steps that we can, today.