Resources

Leaders in the Field of Computer Ethics

Here are some names which you should be able to recognize as making substantive contributions to the field of Computer Ethics.

> Philip Agre
> Gary Chapman
> Peter and Dorothy Denning
> Robert Kling
> Lawrence Lessig
> Helen Nissenbaum
> David Parnas
> Pamela Samuelson
> Brian Cantwell Smith
> Joseph Weizenbaum
> Terry Winograd

CPSR   (Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility)
EFF   (Electronic Freedom Foundation)
SIGCAS   (ACM Special Interest Group on Computers and Society)

Study Questions in the Text

Each chapter in the text has a list of study questions at the end. Most of the questions ask you to recite something written in the textbook. These are inherently not interesting. Some questions require thought and judgment. Below I have listed the questions which seem to me to be good for you to contemplate:

Ch 1	4, 11, 12
Ch 2	none
Ch 3	1, 6, 7, 8, 12, 15, 17
Ch 4	2
Ch 5	1, 4, 5, 6, 11
Ch 6	1, 2, 5, 9
Ch 7	1, 3, 4, 9
Ch 8	2, 3, 4, 10

Sociometric Measurement of Ethical Beliefs
      -- J. Kreie & T. Cronan, Making Ethical Decisions, *CACM* 12/00. **43**(12), p66-71

I will read five scenarios. Please answer these questions for each scenario.

1. Judgment of behavior:

      Acceptable/ethical   Unacceptable/unethical

2. Ethical importance of the issue to you:

      Very important   Undecided   Not very important

3. Likelihood that you would do the same as in the scenario:

      Likely   Undecided   Unlikely

4. If the company had a stated policy against such behavior, how likely is it that someone would do it anyway?

      Likely   Undecided   Unlikely

5. Which factors strongly influenced your answers to the above?

      personal values
      religious belief system
      personal environment or circumstance
      social environment or circumstance
      legal environment or circumstance
      business environment or circumstance
      professional environment or circumstance

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SCENARIO	1	2	3	4	5
Judgment					
Importance					
Do the same?					
Do against policy?					
Factors					