

Revised plan for poor essay

1. Introduction: summary of the argument to be presented and endorsement of utilitarianism.
2. Does the doctrine of double effect justify operating? No. This is shown by utilitarian considerations, which undermine that doctrine.
3. Nevertheless, you should operate, for those very utilitarian reasons
4. Is this ruled out because it is a killing, and not a letting die? No. The trolley case.
5. Should we conclude more weakly that operating is permissible, depending on the parents' wishes? Reasons why this seems plausible. But we shouldn't accept it.
6. Would this kind of reasoning justify the most terrible interventions? The organ donor case. No. There need to be constraints on utilitarianism requiring that people be already involved.