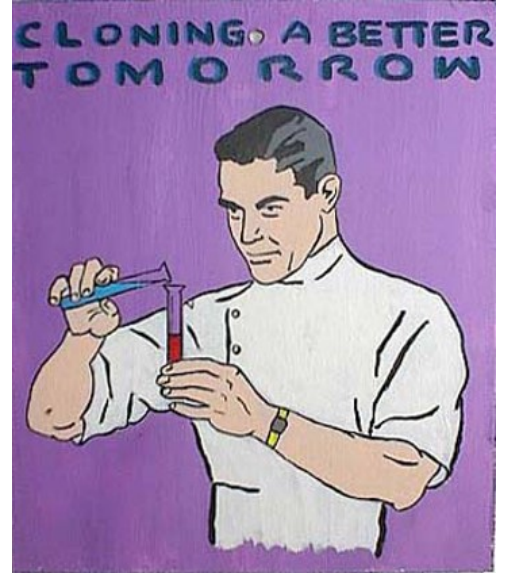


# Contemporary Social Problems

PHIL 1200-880

TTH 2:00-3:15



- Does mass public surveillance violate people's right to privacy?
- Does abortion violate the fetus's right to life?
- Should human cloning be banned?
- Should parents need a license to raise their children?
- What obligations do we have to past generations?
- What obligations do we have to future generations?
- What do we owe poor people in distant countries today?
- What about non-human animals?

**Professor David Boonin** is the author of eight books on a variety of ethical issues and has published work on a wide range of contemporary social problems, including many of the issues to be discussed in the class.

This discussion-oriented class offers an introduction to philosophical thinking about these and other questions via a critical survey of recent philosophical writings on a variety of contemporary social issues.

It does not presuppose any background in philosophy or familiarity with any of the issues to be discussed.