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**Position Paper 1**

The Unethical of Work

**In this play, Andrew and his friend Caleb have decided one night that they wanted to go hangout at a friend’s house after they both get off from work at 6 on a nice Monday evening. The person that resides at the house is named Jack and he’s currently working on a huge engineering project that would help his contract with his company giving him a pay raise and more employee benefits. When both Andrew and Caleb arrive at Jack’s house, Jack asks the both of them if they want to share their software information that they’ve worked on so that Jack can get help on getting that contract upgrade from his company. Caleb says that he’s one hundred percent interested in sharing his software with Jack, but Andrew has other options in mind. Would Andrew share his code with Jack or reject his offer?**

*It’s 6 o’clock and both Andrew and Caleb leave work to sit in the rush hour traffic. It’s now 7 o’clock and they both finally arrive at Jack’s house. Andrew gets out of his car and runs to Caleb’s driver door to open it for him. Caleb gets out of his car and they both walk up to Jack’s front door. Caleb rings the doorbell. Jack opens the door.*

**Jack**

Oh my god!!! I haven’t seen you both in a while! You both look like working men!

**Caleb**

Yeah and I haven’t seen you in forever! Me and Andrew have been quite busy in our lives. Andrew’s been working, going out of town once a weekend, and playing his video games. Meanwhile, I’ve been busy with work, like Andrew, but I was just working, eating, and sleeping

**Jack**

I’ve been working for an engineering company and I joined there about a year ago and I can say that I love my job so much! Come on in guys.

*Andrew and Caleb enter Jack’s house and all three gather around the kitchen table.*

How’s your life Andrew?

**Andrew**

It’s been busy! I would get up at 6 in the morning and get ready for work. I start at 8 and work till 6. At home, I would watch shows and play video games. Then on weekends, I may go out of town with my mom to certain places since I would be bored on the weekends.

**Jack**

Now I have a favor for both of you.

**Caleb**

Yes?

**Jack**

So my company has offered me to work on an engineering project and I have no idea what to do. I could’ve declined the offer, but the company would give me a huge pay raise and give me more paid time off if I completed the project. The company is expecting me to think that my project, which is a machine, needs to be properly functional that can help deliver packages quicker. I was asking if you guys can give me your software codes so that I can have help on designing the machine?

**Caleb**

I can definitely send you my software code so that you can refer to it in order for you to program a machine. Andrew, what about you?

**Andrew**

I would love to. But I’m going to reject giving my code out because my company rules say that I can’t do that. Caleb, you shouldn’t also give out your software code if your company doesn’t allow you to do that.

**Caleb**

I believe that it’s against my company's code for employees to give out their software code to other people that work in other companies, but my boss doesn’t really care about it. Would you share your code with your boss?

**Andrew**

Of course I would share my code with my boss. Since he’s my boss working in the same company as me, he’s going to want to see what my software program looks like. But I’m saying that sharing your work software with a friend can be a bad idea because there can be consequences. I would not share my code with a friend because it’s morally wrong to break company rules and I don’t want to get fired.

**Jack**

Do you both want to talk about it? You don’t need to share your code, guys.

**Caleb**

Yeah give me a second Jack. *He then turns to Andrew.* Andrew, I know that it’s against your company rules to share your code and you don’t need to share your code. Just play it safe with your part. But for me, since the people at my company don’t care about me sharing my work code, I'm going to take action by sharing my code with Jack so that he has a better shot of getting a pay raise. Plus you told me earlier on the phone that you wished for Jack to get a pay raise.

**Andrew**

Jack can use his knowledge to try to program a machine. It’s evidence that he hasn’t cheated someone and his machine doesn’t need to be perfect. Plus Jack is making good money, so if he doesn’t get that big contract, then it’s no worries.

**Jack**

Well I actually do need that extra money because I’m in huge debt with student loans, have to pay off my parent’s medical bills, and I need more money for my emergency savings since I’m paying like 80 percent of both my and parent’s medical bills. And if I don’t get that extra contract help, then I wouldn’t be able to pay off my student loans, which means that the education department would come after me and that there may be consequences with my finances since I wouldn’t be able to meet that end.

**Caleb**

He’s making a very good point here. He was actually chatting with me about this and I should've told you about this. You don’t need to share your code, but I’m going to go ahead and show my software code to Jack so that he can try to have a better chance of getting paid really well. We all work hard for our money, but Jack is in a ton of debt with school and medical bills. Promise you that I wouldn’t tell my company about this situation and I would leave work a week from now without any consequences that I’ve got.

**Andrew**

Alright then, go ahead and share your code with Jack. I’m going home because I’m getting tired and I need to get up early in the morning.

**Caleb**

Alright, see you then!

**Jack**

Thank you for stopping by! Sorry that you couldn’t help me with your code.

**Andrew**

No problem Jack. You don’t need to be sorry. I’m just hopeful that Caleb’s code can help you get your machine running perfect. Good night everyone and good luck with your contract Jack!

**Jack & Caleb**

Have a good night!

*Andrew heads home for the night. Meanwhile, Caleb starts to explain to Jack about his code and what code he should use for his machine prototype. The following Monday, Jack presented his machine to his company management and they gave it a try. His management is very impressed with it. A few weeks later, Jack gets notified that his company wants to talk to him about his code. He comes into a meeting room to explain to them that he needed some extra help with his code by referring to a friend’s code. Management wasn’t pleased with Jack and he was terminated after the meeting for copying off an employee’s code that works with another company.*