

CJ 420: CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH METHODS (SPRING 2010)

After watching the Stanford Prison Experiment (by Phil Zimbardo) video, please answer the following questions and bring to class on Monday, February 8:

1. Was it ethical to do this study (the Stanford Prison Experiment)? Was it right to trade the suffering experienced by participants for the knowledge gained by the research?
2. If you were the experimenter in charge, would you have done this study? Would you have terminated it earlier? Would you have conducted a follow-up study?

Please use the following website to watch a brief video on Stanley Milgram's obedience experiment:

<http://www.videosift.com/video/The-Original-Milgram-Experiment-1961>

3. How do the ethical dilemmas in this research (the Stanford Prison Experiment) compare with the ethical issues raised by Stanley Milgram's obedience experiments? Would it be better if these studies had never been done?
4. How much obedience would Milgram get today if he did this experiment? Why?