

Essay Writing Services: Unethicality in Legality

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Essay writing services are online websites arranged by anonymous writers that offer a wide range of service. With just one click, you can have your essays made for you, and you can continue on with your normal life without having to worry about your paperwork. In today's world, the usage of these websites have dramatically soared. This practice was dubbed as a "booming online industry" in 2017 by The Guardian (News website) having thousands of essays 'made to order' yearly. The demand for literary support has come about due to the everlasting predicament of present-day society: lack of time. But to what extent is this demand paid for? It has come to the attention of schools, universities, and the media that even under legal grounds, the practice of paying others to make essays for you and claiming these as your own is, under common ethics, wrong due to risks of defined plagiarism and violation of moral laws. It is here, that I stand among these people and deem this custom unethical.

The debate about whether the custom of essay writing services is ethical or unethical mainly revolves around one word—plagiarism. Some argue that essay writing services do not showcase plagiarism, for essays created are given consent to be used, by the buyer, by the author debating that included in the transaction is the transfer of rights to the essay itself. However, in the simplest explanation, using the work of someone else as your own is still a form of plagiarism, whether it is accredited by the author, paid for, or given. This is not any different from lying—certainly iniquitous as further emphasized by the University of Oxford as they define plagiarism as "presenting someone else's work or ideas as your own, **with or without their consent**," and is described as, under regulations for examinations, a "**disciplinary offence**."

In schools and colleges, the availability of essay writing services serves as a **temptation** to flee from workload. Though it is without question that students of this generation experience a heftier amount of work than the past, it is not enough reason to buy your way out of it through what is defined as cheating. In addition, the meaning and sense of

learning all throughout is deliberately worn out of the sap. When a student passes an essay he bought as his own, it eliminates the essence of the reason why teachers assign students to make the essay in the first place: to test his knowledge and to gauge the skills acquired or developed in the process of learning the subject matter. With a self-made essay, teachers are able to see the mastery of a student for the specific topic. The teacher can then act accordingly, whether to move on or to help guide the student learn thoroughly first. However, having someone else make your essay for you **ultimately eradicates the chance of your teacher to help you improve.** Essay writing services justify their side by claiming that their teams provide students with essays that would serve as samples for the students to further work on. This is further exemplified by the belief that these essays help students learn new writing styles and help enhance their own—with added claims that this is an approach to teaching students on boosting their cognitive thinking. May these assertions suppose a great strategy of learning for the millennials, it is indisputable that the “services” these people offer are being misused and even abused. According to Telegraph, a British news website, findings report that more than 20,000 university students exhibit the custom of buying essays during 2017 in the UK. This shows how incredibly risky this “new style of learning” is as students would obviously not simply buy essays to use only as examples, and this emphasizes on the fact that **this custom is being abused.**

Another risk of having your essay made by an essay writing service is that the writer may be committing unprofessional work conduct, perpetrating improper citation, executing illegal affirmations, or even giving you a whole plagiarized paperwork. In the internet, you do not know who you are dealing with, and you can get in a lot of trouble. Multiple illegitimate essay writing services exist in the world, and the stakes of crashing into one is high. This is one of the reasons why these services are deemed unethical, for they **MAY** work on illegal circumstances.

The ethicality of essay writing services have been questioned for years. In legal reasons, one may argue, that these websites are not doing anything wrong, for they are merely writing essays for students, providing them with support and helping them succeed. However, in ethicality, honesty, one of its main proponents, is justified in this dispute. One cannot argue that the practice of passing someone’s essay as your own is not plagiarism, for in itself, plagiarism is turning someone else’s work as one’s own, with or without consent, as previously

described. It is here that I say, the practice of these essay writing services is, as supported by my reasoning, logic, and research, unethical.