

Title: On a Soldier's Obligation to Enhance

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**SYNOPSIS:**

Whether or not it is morally permissible for a given person to pharmacologically enhance themselves has been debated in a number of contexts. Often times, the conversation centers around the use of enhancements in sport. In this talk, I will lay out the debate and argue that more often than not, pharmacological enhancements are morally permissible to take and may even be morally obligatory depending on the context. I will then consider whether or not a soldier, or a general has an obligation to enhance. I argue that both soldiers and generals have an obligation to enhance in many situations. I'll explain what those situations entail, and why these obligations hold in many military contexts

**BIOs:**

Dr. Justin Caouette is a visiting Assistant Professor at Bridgewater State University. He also teaches part time at Rutgers University, Northeastern University, and Umass-Dartmouth. He teaches courses in Ethics, metaphysics, and critical thinking. His main philosophical interests center around the enhancement debate, the free will debate, and working on what he calls "reasonable retributivism" within the debate on the morality of punishment. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Calgary and currently resides in Fall River, Ma, where he was born and raised