

MA 391 ESSAY # 7

Choose ONE of the two topics below for your essay. Be sure to provide evidence in support of your conclusion. Your essay should be typed, double spaced, 12 pt Times New Roman font, at least 750 words.

- (1) O'Neil identifies the 3 elements of a "Weapon of Math Destruction" (WMD) to be Opacity, Scale, and Damage. Find an example of a WMD that was not discussed in the text or in class. How does your example meet the three criteria?

- (2) Choose one of the WMDs from O'Neil's book. Do you think it is possible for an algorithm to address the inequities that O'Neil identifies? Why or why not? If you had the opportunity, what changes would you make to this system?