

# Case Study Podcast: Student and AI Prompts

## Example: Criminal Law “Necessity Defense” Case Study

### Discussion Prompt for Students (generates text for podcast)

For this week's reading, you learned about the Necessity defense--the notion that in some circumstances a person is justified in committing a crime if it is necessary to avoid a "greater evil." Most states require at least two things—that (1) the crime committed constitutes a lesser evil than the one avoided and (2) that there is a causal relationship in that the commission of the lesser crime directly prevents the commission of the greater offense. But states vary in many of the particular attributes of this defense; some states only reserve this defense for "acts of God" or natural disasters; and some limit it to crimes other than murder. What do you think about the necessity defense in general? Whether you approve or disapprove, which punishment theories support your decision? And if you approve of it in general, what do you think about limiting its application to natural disaster scenarios and/or non-homicide crimes?

### AI Prompt to Generate Podcast

Attached is the text from a case study discussion. Use the text to create a podcast on the legal issue of necessity from a discussion board in a first-year criminal law course at Northeastern University School of Law. Don't organize the podcast by Student #1 and Student #2, etc. Instead, organize based on the issues and bring in the student perspectives when relevant on a particular issue or sub-issue. Don't make the podcast too informal; this is a serious topic for a professional school; don't use slang such as "super cool" and overuse of "like."

Note: The original prompt was longer than the allotted 500 characters, and generated a podcast that was not a synthesis of the discussion posts. The professor asked Google Gemini to help improve the prompt by entering it into the system and providing the following request "This is an AI prompt I wrote. Can you rewrite it to ask for an argument podcast rather than a discussion? Keep the prompt at 500 characters."