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***Mobile Technologies and Communication Ethics
for College Students of Various Cultural Backgrounds***

Many have examined how mobile technologies have been modifying various social situations in which people relate each other, suggesting that social situations are less and less clearly defined by the set of normative behaviors that were previously established. Wright (1996) argues that ethical judgment in the communication environment becomes more challenging when communication situations are ambiguous. Given the situational ambiguity that mobile communication entails, communication ethics is quite a germane issue for understanding the role of mobile communication in interpersonal relationships further. This essay considers some key aspects of communication ethics as they relate to mobile technologies and interpersonal communication. Drawing some data from the interviews of college students from various cultural backgrounds, it seeks to delineate ethical problems that mobile technologies have introduced to interpersonal communication in various cultural contexts.

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