Stanford Prison Experiment: Deceptive Research Essay

Recently, we have been examining the Stanford Prison Experiment and discussing issues of deception in psychology research. Your task is to write a 1-2 page essay proving one of the following points:

1) The Stanford Prison Experiment was unethical and should never have been done.
2) The Stanford Prison Experiment was a reasonable and ethical experiment.
3) The Stanford Prison Experiment was reasonable at the time, but it would be wrong to ever repeat it.

Your essay will be evaluated on all normal essay criteria including:

- Proper grammar and spelling
- Good organization with an introduction, body, and conclusion
- Logical reasoning
- Good understanding of the facts of the experiment

To aid you in completing this essay, you must read the material at the first website listed below. The other websites allow you to view videotapes which you may find helpful.

www.prisonexp.org

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