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The Biotechnology Debate

Democracy in the Face of Intractable Disagreement

This book grounds deliberative democratic theory in a more refined understanding of deliberative practice, in particular when dealing with intractable moral disagreement regarding novel technologies. While there is an ongoing, vibrant debate about the theoretical merits of deliberative democracy on the one hand, and more recently, empirical studies of specific deliberative exercises have been carried out, these two discussions fail to speak to one another. Debates about animal and plant biotechnology are examined as a paradigmatic case for intractable disagreement in today's pluralistic societies.

Features

- Bridges the gap between theory and practice, whereas previous books have focussed only on deliberative theory or the practice of public deliberation
- Not only relevant for academic scholars, but also for members of NGO's and government departments, that are involved in organizing public deliberations
- Argues that deliberative practices can deal better with the existence of intractable disagreement than liberal democratic practices

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The Virtuous Physician

The Role of Virtue in Medicine

Although modern medicine enjoys unprecedented success in providing excellent technical care, many patients are dissatisfied with the poor quality or in the unprofessional manner in which physicians sometimes deliver that care. Recently, this patient dissatisfaction has led to quality-of-care and professionalism crises in medicine. In this book, the author proposes a notion of virtuous physician to address these crises. He discusses the nature of the two crises and efforts by the medical profession to resolve them and then he briefly introduces the notion of virtuous physician and outlines its basic features.

Features

- Discusses the philosophical issues surrounding the notion of virtue in the practice of clinical medicine
- Addresses the crises of care and professionalism in modern medicine through the notion of virtuous physician
- Provides a comprehensive analysis of the notion of virtuous physician, in terms of the analytic and phenomenologic philosophical traditions
- Illustrates the application of the notion of virtuous physician to clinical practice, with two case studies from the medical literature
- Explores pedagogical issues surrounding the teaching of virtue in the medical curriculum

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Philosophy of Medicine; Theory of Medicine/Bioethics; Biomedicine general

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