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Political and Legal Obligation J. Roland Pennock, 2017-07-12 At a point in history marked by dramatic challenges to the existing political and social order the question of legal and political obligation emerges as a focal point of international concern Amid the clamor for radical change in the established order theories of political obligation demand renewed examination In this volume eighteen leading specialists in the legal philosophical and political science aspects of the question offer their views on this timely topic Part I examines the nature of moral legal and political obligation. The first essay presents a set of definitions that denies the very existence of obligation While the second essay disagreeing particularly with respect to the relationship of political to moral tenets and the third discussing the highly complex interplay between law and morality The following essay approaches obligation as existing in the context of an established political and legal system and stresses the importance of evaluating the negative consequences of challenges to the law as well as those arising from the absence of challenges The next paper maintains that political obligation is so complex that its very existence depends upon rational deliberation in particular contexts The fifth explores four significant theories but accepts only the one based on the broadest definition of obligation While the final essay in this part considers political obligation a unique and generalized moral obligation Part II takes up the conditions of obligation and of obedience The first essay in this part discusses the conditions necessary to generate a felt obligation. The second paper concentrates on exposing key obstacles to empirical proof that behavior is or is not motivated by felt obligation While the third draws upon a large body of literature and court decisions dealing with compliance to the law The forth essay is a case study of Rome probes the role of obligation during that city s The Principle of Fairness and Political Obligation George Klosko, 2004 In The Principle of Fairness and seven cent Political Obligation George Klosko presents the first book length treatment of political obligation grounded in the premises of liberal political theory In this now classic work he clearly and systematically formulates what others thought impossible a principle of fairness that specifies a set of conditions which grounds existing political obligations and bridges the gap between the abstract accounts of political principles and the actual beliefs of political actors Brought up to date with a new introduction this new edition will be of great interest to all interested in political thought A Theory of Political Obligation Margaret Gilbert, 2006-05-11 Margaret Gilbert offers an incisive new approach to a classic problem of political philosophy when and why should I do what the laws of my country tell me to do Beginning with carefully argued accounts of social groups in general and political societies in particular the author argues that in central standard senses of the relevant terms membership in a political society in and of itself obligates one to support that society s political institutions The obligations in question are not moral requirements derived from general moral principles as is often supposed but a matter of one s participation in a special kind of commitment joint commitment An agreement is sufficient but not necessary to generate such a commitment Gilbert uses the phrase plural subject to refer to all of those who are jointly committed in some way She

therefore labels the theory offered in this book the plural subject theory of political obligation. The author concentrates on the exposition of this theory carefully explaining how and in what sense joint commitments obligate She also explores a classic theory of political obligation actual contract theory according to which one is obligated to conform to the laws of one s country because one agreed to do so She offers a new interpretation of this theory in light of a theory of plural subject theory of agreements She argues that actual contract theory has more merit than has been thought though the more general plural subject theory is to be preferred She compares and contrasts plural subject theory with identification theory relationship theory and the theory of fair play She brings it to bear on some classic situations of crisis and in the concluding chapter suggests a number of avenues for related empirical and moral inquiry Clearly and compellingly written A Theory of Political Obligation will be essential reading for political philosophers and theorists **Moral Principles and Political Obligations** A. John Simmons, 2020-05-05 Outlining the major competing theories in the history of political and moral philosophy from Locke and Hume through Hart Rawls and Nozick John Simmons attempts to understand and solve the ancient problem of political obligation Under what conditions and for what reasons if any he asks are we morally bound to obey the law and support the political institutions of our countries A Political Companion to Henry David Thoreau Jack Turner, 2009-07-17 The writings of Henry David Thoreau 1817 1862 have captivated scholars activists and ecologists for more than a century Less attention has been paid however to the author's political philosophy and its influence on American public life Although Thoreau s doctrine of civil disobedience has long since become a touchstone of world history the greater part of his political legacy has been overlooked With a resurgence of interest in recent years A Political Companion to Henry David Thoreau is the first volume focused exclusively on Thoreau s ethical and political thought Jack Turner illuminates the unexamined aspects of Thoreau s political life and writings Combining both new and classic essays this book offers a fresh and comprehensive understanding of Thoreau s politics and includes discussions of subjects ranging from his democratic individualism to the political relevance of his intellectual eccentricity. The collection consists of works by sixteen prominent political theorists and includes an extended bibliography on Thoreau s politics A Political Companion to Henry David Thoreau is a landmark reference for anyone seeking a better understanding of Thoreau s complex political philosophy Medical **Experimentation** Charles Fried, 2016-05-02 This new edition of Charles Fried's Medical Experimentation includes a general introduction by Franklin Miller and the late Alan Wertheimer a reprint of the 1974 text an in depth analysis by Harvard Law School scholars I Glenn Cohen and D James Greiner and a new essay by Fried reflecting on the original text and how it applies to the contemporary landscape of medicine and medical experimentation **Isaiah Berlin** Robert A. Kocis, 2022-08-01 No other books on Berlin examine him in historical context as borrowing from and reacting against the British Idealists This study offers a novel view of Berlin as a Kantian and post idealist thinker and a justification of liberty based on the plurality of our values and cultures **Justification and Legitimacy** A. John Simmons, 2001 This book

contains essays by A John Simmons perhaps the most innovative and creative of today s political philosophers **Political Obligation** Richard E. Flathman, 2019-11-19 Under what conditions are obedience and disobedience required or justified To what or whom is obedience or disobedience owed What are the differences between authority and power and between legitimate and illegitimate government What is the relationship between having an obligation and having freedom to act What are the similarities and differences among political legal and moral obligations Originally published in 1972 Professor Flathman discusses these crucial issues in political theory in a lucid and stimulating argument Though mainly concerned to develop his own modified utilitarian standing point he also reviews both the classical and modern literature from Plato and Hobbes to Hare and Rawls The treatment is philosophical but it is frequently related to practical issues of civil obedience and disobedience and in particular focuses on the relation between law obligation and social change Compliance & Public Authority Oran R. Young, 2013-10-18 Offers a theory of compliance and authority that would be applicable to behavior concerning economic contracts law enforcement and international relations It examiones the problem of compliance in centralized e g national and state laws and decentralized international treaties systems Applies the theory to explain the level of compliance with Partial Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and the International North Pacific Fisheries Convention Originally The Dialectical Necessity of Morality Deryck Beyleveld, 1991 Alan Gewirth's Reason and Morality in which he set forth the Principle of Generic Consistency is a major work of modern ethical theory that though much debated and highly respected has yet to gain full acceptance Deryck Beyleveld contends that this resistance stems from misunderstanding of the method and logical operations of Gewirth's central argument In this book Beyleveld seeks to remedy this deficiency His rigorous reconstruction of Gewirth's argument gives its various parts their most compelling formulation and clarifies its essential logical structure Beyleveld then classifies all the criticisms that Gewirth's argument has received and measures them against his reconstruction of the argument The overall result is an immensely rich picture of the argument in which all of its complex issues and key moves are clearly displayed and its validity can finally be discerned The comprehensiveness of Beyleveld's treatment provides ready access to the entire debate surrounding the foundational argument of Reason and Morality It will be required reading for all who are interested in Gewirth's theory and deontological ethics and will be of central importance to moral and legal theorists Observing Law through Systems Theory Richard Nobles, David Schiff, 2012-12-07 This book uses Niklas Luhmann's systems theory to explore how the legal system operates as one of modern society s subsystems The authors demonstrate how this theory alters our understanding of some of the most important and controversial issues within law the nature of judicial communication and legal argument the claim that it can be right to disobey law the character of legal pluralism and globalisation time and its construction within law the significance of the rule of law and human rights and the role of appeals to and within law Systems theory enables the authors to demonstrate how the legal system observes its own operations through its own communications and how this contrasts with

the manner in which law is observed by other systems such as the media and politics In this context the authors explore the constraints imposed by systems in particular the legal system upon the individuals who participate in them

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assessement than any which has occurred to date **Jurisprudence For a Free Society** Harold D. Lasswell, Myres S. Military Chaplains' Review ,1982 Moral Combat Heidi Margaret Hurd, 1999-03-28 This book McDougal,2023-12-28 explores the thesis that legal roles force people to engage in moral combat an idea which is implicit in the assumption that citizens may be morally required to disobey unjust laws while judges may be morally required to punish citizens for civil disobedience Heidi Hurd advances the surprising argument that the law cannot require us to do what morality forbids The role relative understanding of morality is shown to be incompatible with both consequentialist and deontological moral philosophies In the end Hurd shows that our best moral theory is one which never makes one actor s moral success turn on another's moral failure Moral Combat is a sophisticated well conceived and carefully argued book on a very important and controversial topic at the junction between legal and political philosophy It will be of interest to moral legal and political philosophers as well as teachers and students of professional ethics in law **University of Pennsylvania Law Review** On Political Obligation Paul Harris, 2019-11-19 First published in 1990 The individual s obligation to obey the law the state and the government is a fundamental part of contemporary political theory. The contributors to this volume drawn from a variety of disciplines including philosophy political science and law take a fresh look at the dilemmas of political obligation They discuss the extent to which we should allow the need for conformity to override individual liberties and ask whether individualism is indeed feasible without a highly developed sense of the public interest or the common good The contrast between individualism and communitarianism is examined throughout the book The contributors also look at the various means through which the state can coerce or persuade the individual to be obedient. The emphasis throughout this collection is on the substantive problems themselves rather than on the way these issues have been addressed in the history of political thought The book offers a number of different perspectives on political obligation and will be valuable to students of moral political social and legal philosophy

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