

C O N T E N T S

PREFACE ix

PART ONE

Ethical Theory 1

1 An Introduction to Ethics 2

The Nature of Morality 2

Normative Theories of Ethics 13

2 Ethical Relativism 33

JAMES RACHELS: *The Challenge of Cultural Relativism* 33

3 Four Rival Ethical Perspectives 42

ARISTOTLE: *Happiness, Function, and Virtue* 42

IMMANUEL KANT: *Good Will, Duty, and the Categorical Imperative* 49

JOHN STUART MILL: *Utilitarianism* 56

W. D. ROSS: *What Makes Right Acts Right?* 63

PART TWO

Issues in Applied Ethics 69

4 Suicide and Euthanasia 70

RICHARD B. BRANDT: *The Morality and Rationality of Suicide* 70

DAN W. BROCK: *Voluntary Active Euthanasia* 79

DANIEL CALLAHAN: *When Self-Determination Runs Amok* 88

JOHN HARDWIG: *Is There a Duty to Die?* 95

5 Abortion 104

JOHN T. NOONAN, JR.: *An Almost Absolute Value in History* 104

MARY ANNE WARREN: *The Moral Status of Abortion* 108

- DON MARQUIS: *An Argument That Abortion Is Wrong* 116
JUDITH JARVIS THOMSON: *A Defense of Abortion* 125
ROSALIND HURSTHOUSE: *Virtue Theory and Abortion* 135

6 Animals, Vegetarianism, and Environmental Ethics 143

- PETER SINGER: *The Place of Nonhumans in Environmental Issues* 143
TIBOR R. MACHAN: *Do Animals Have Rights?* 150
MYLAN ENGEL, JR.: *Why You Are Committed to the Immorality of Eating Meat* 156
R. M. HARE: *Why I Am Only a Demi-Vegetarian* 164
PETER SINGER: *Reply to Hare* 172
HOLMES ROLSTON III: *Respect for Life* 175
PETER SINGER: *Reply to Rolston* 183

7 Liberty, Paternalism, and Freedom of Expression 187

- JOHN STUART MILL: *On Liberty* 187
GERALD DWORKIN: *Paternalism* 196
DAVID BOAZ: *A Drug-Free America—or a Free America?* 204
U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY: *Speaking Out Against Drug Legalization* 211
CHARLES R. LAWRENCE III: *If He Hollers Let Him Go: Regulating Racist Speech on Campus* 220

8 Pornography and Sexual Morality 229

- HELEN E. LONGINO: *Pornography, Oppression, and Freedom* 229
ELLEN WILLIS: *Feminism, Moralism, and Pornography* 235
NICHOLAS DIXON: *Alcohol and Rape* 239
JOHN CORVINO: *Why Shouldn't Tommy and Jim Have Sex?* 248
MICHAEL PAKALUK: *Homosexuality, Gay Marriage, and the Common Good* 256
MIKE W. MARTIN: *Adultery and Fidelity* 262

9 Gun Control 270

- DANIEL D. POLSBY: *The False Promise of Gun Control* 270
NICHOLAS DIXON: *Handguns and Violent Crime* 276
MICHAEL HUEMER: *Is There a Right to Own a Gun?* 285

10 Punishment and the Death Penalty 293

- WILLIAM H. SHAW: *Punishment and the Criminal Justice System* 293
ERNEST VAN DEN HAAG: *The Ultimate Punishment: A Defense* 301
JEFFREY H. REIMAN: *Justice, Civilization, and the Death Penalty* 306
U.S. SUPREME COURT: *Atkins v. Virginia* 313

11 The Ethics of War and the Response to Terrorism 320DOUGLAS P. LACKEY: *Pacifism* 320R. M. HARE: *Loyalty and Obedience* 328J. JOSEPH MILLER: *Jus ad Bellum and an Officer's Moral Obligations: Ignorance, the Constitution, and Iraq* 335MICHAEL IGNATIEFF: *Human Rights, the Laws of War, and Terrorism* 342DAVID LUBAN: *Liberalism, Torture, and the Ticking Bomb* 349**12 Affirmative Action 359**RICHARD A. WASSERSTROM: *One Way to Understand and Defend Programs of Preferential Treatment* 359LOUIS P. POJMAN: *The Case Against Affirmative Action* 366T. ALEXANDER ALEINIKOFF: *A Case for Race-Consciousness* 373U.S. SUPREME COURT: *The University of Michigan Affirmative Action Cases* 382**13 Economic Justice 391**PETER SINGER: *Rich and Poor* 391ROBERT N. VAN WYK: *World Hunger and the Extent of Our Positive Duties* 399IAN MAITLAND: *In Defense of International Sweatshops* 406JOHN ORLANDO: *The Ethics of Corporate Downsizing* 415JOHN ISBISTER: *Welfare and Social Justice* 423D. W. HASLETT: *Is Inheritance Justified?* 432U.S. SUPREME COURT: *Kelo v. City of New London* 441**14 Ethics in Business 449**MICHAEL J. PHILLIPS: *The Inconclusive Case Against Manipulative Advertising* 449THOMAS L. CARSON: *The Ethics of Sales* 461MICHAEL DAVIS: *Some Paradoxes of Whistleblowing* 470JOSEPH R. DESJARDINS AND RONALD DUSKA: *Drug Testing in Employment* 478

FOR FURTHER READING 485