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Values and Violence
Intangible Aspects of Terrorism

Most books on terrorism deal with descriptions of terrorist organizations and activities, some examine privacy and civil liberties issues, and others treat terrorism as a series of policy choices. Hardly any books deal with the foundational questions of values and violence as they relate to terrorism. The two unique features of this book are that it deals with violence at the normative foundations of values and human dignity and that it includes many of the best-known authors in the world from a variety of disciplines, making it a paradigmatic example of cutting-edge study in interdisciplinary scholarship, with a focus on bringing theories and policy issues closer together.

“Values and Violence" includes chapters by a dozen of the leading scholars in the world on patterns of political violence, responses to terrorism, and the basic value choices inherent in them.

Features
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Political Legitimization without Morality?

Within their territories, states claim to be the only authority to determine the law and to use coercive power to punish those who act illegally. In the first section, the papers propose different ideas for the role that morality could or should still play, mainly by specifying political values which are less contentious due to a stronger limitation in their scope. In the second section, starting from rational accounts of legitimacy, the authors try to integrate at least some of the partially conflicting moral values held by individuals in contemporary societies.

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**China: Bioethics, Trust, and the Challenge of the Market**

This volume provides a unique perspective on the market reforms currently taking place in Chinese health care. The authors come to grips with the changes taking place in Chinese health care and its effect on the traditional doctor-patient relationship, but also its positive effects on the availability and quality of health care particularly in urban areas. In doing so the various authors wrestle with moral, political and social issues deeply ingrained in Chinese culture as well as the perceived practical and moral difficulties associated with the change to a market oriented economy especially in area of health care. This volume should be of particular interest to bioethicists, those interested in contemporary Chinese philosophy, and of course those working in health care policy, Chinese policy, comparative health care policy, or any combination thereof.

**Features**
- Provides a unique set of perspectives on health care reform in China
- Provides contemporary Confucian, other Chinese, and Western perspectives on the perceived difficulties of market reforms in health care
- Provides reflections of contemporary Confucian and other perspectives on the role of trust in the doctor patient relationship

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