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Tolerating the Intolerable: The Case of Female Genital Mutilation

The case of female circumcision (or female genital mutilation—FC/FGM) raises the broader question of what stance the liberal constitutional state should adopt when cultural customs offensive to its citizens are practiced in countries outside its jurisdiction or in minority communities within it. The author argues that one can support international efforts for a global ban on FC/FGM but tolerate the practice in liberal democratic societies.

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Killing Mary to Save Jodie: Conjoined Twins and Individual Rights

In September, 2000, British surgeons separated month-old conjoined twins against their parents' wishes. The operation prolonged indefinitely the life of one twin while causing the immediate death of the other. The author analyzes the competing views of the twins' embodiment that informed the debate over their separation, and argues that the resolution of their conflicting claims was a more difficult task than either side of the debate acknowledged.

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Workplace Wars: How Much Should *I* Be Required to Meet the Needs of *Your* Children?

In exploring the charge that "family-friendly" policies in the workplace penalize fellow workers without children, the author argues that all of society's members share some responsibility for assisting parents in raising children well, that this responsibility is best met by broadly shared tax policies and government programs, and that working parents must be realistic about the tensions that exist between work and parenthood.

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The Ethics of Making the Body Beautiful: What Cosmetic Genetics Can Learn from Cosmetic Surgery

The author considers several recent ethical attitudes toward cosmetic surgery in order to anticipate and offer recommendations concerning the ethical challenges society will encounter when genetic therapies used for cosmetic purposes become a real option in the future.

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