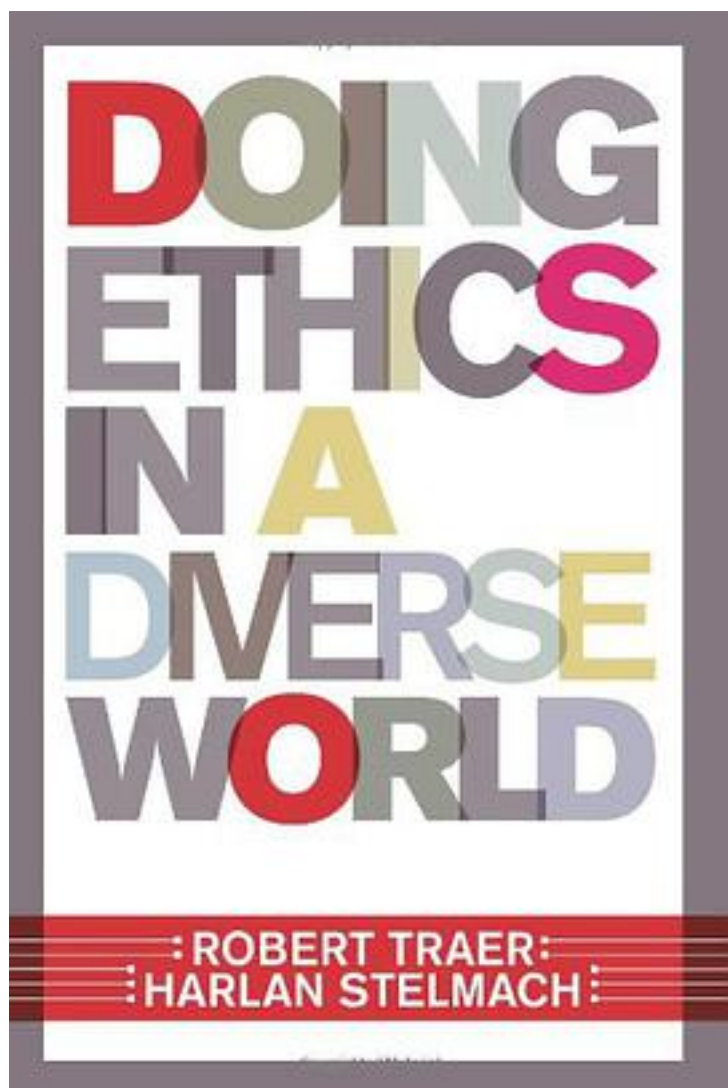


Doing Ethics in a Diverse World



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Nothing is more difficult today than deciding what to do about abortion, gay marriage, economic injustice, war, global warming, and a host of other controversies, particularly in a world in which people of varying religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds live side by side. Can we draw on the wisdom of the past to address these contemporary ethical dilemmas? Can we see more clearly how we should consider what is right and wrong and then work toward decisions that make sense? While challenging moral relativism, *Doing Ethics in a Diverse World* uses a pluralist approach that draws on religious as well as secular positions and on Eastern as well as Western traditions. The book uses analogy from the rule of law as a means to constructing ethical presumptions about duty, character, relationships, and rights, and these presumptions are weighed against the predicted consequences of acting on them. Employing a "Worksheet for Doing Ethics" as a guide, this approach is then applied to issues of public morality, health care, economic justice, sex, the war on terrorism, and living ecologically.

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