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Bioethics

Reading Group in Public Health Ethics

“COERCING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH: (WHEN) IS COERCION ETHICALLY JUSTIFIED?”

“[W]hen (if ever) coercion in public health is ethically acceptable, and even our own differing opinions and stances. What is the role coercion plays in the prevention of non-communicable diseases, and is this ethically different from when it is applied in the infectious disease context? How might the moral status of coercion vary across different contexts, intersecting with issues of social and structural justice that affect people’s abilities to comply with a coercive intervention? How have experiences of COVID-19 shaped the public acceptability of coercive measures against other public health emergencies today?”

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