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Preview Response

IS FORGIVENESS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE?

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To what extent should forgiveness be considered a matter of public health and public policy? (VanderWeele, T.J. (2018). [Is forgiveness a public health issue?](#) *American Journal of Public Health*, 108:189-190.)

How do we structure policies and priorities in the face of multiple incommensurate goods and ends? (VanderWeele, T.J. (2017a). [On the promotion of human flourishing.](#) *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 31:8148-8156).

What is the role of religious communities in contributing to human flourishing and how should societies and governments acknowledge and promote their role? (VanderWeele, T.J. (2017b). [Religious communities and human flourishing.](#) *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 26:476-481.)

Further comment on Justice Preview: It may be of interest that Aquinas argues (e.g the Summa Theologica II.II.Question 58, Article 1) for a certain equivalence of the two "first-order" definitions of justice from antiquity discussed by Wolterstorff.

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