The importance of assent: a theory of coercion and dignity

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Abstrak

In this book, Van der Rijt argues powerfully that this respect for persons? moral agency must also encompass respect for their subjective moral judgments ? even when these judgments can be shown to be fundamentally flawed.

Van der Rijt scrutinises the role persons? subjective moral judgments play within the context of coercion and domination. His fresh, original analysis of Kant?s third formulation of the Categorical Imperative reveals how these judgments are intimately connected to a person?s dignity. The result is an insightful new account of coercion, a novel Kantian reformulation of the republican notion of non-domination and a compelling, innovative argument in favour of retributive justice.