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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If you need it get itBy Shira FetonteIts a book...0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent and Thought-Provoking CollectionBy Kevin T. KeithThis is a stimulating and timely collection of essays on the relationship between progressive political thought and contemporary bioethics, by a group of leading figures in the field. It addresses the nature of political progressivism and its relationship to bioethics,

the intersection between bioethics and politics, both contemporary and in the past, and the landscape of contemporary policy and cultural debates in bioethics. The process of bioethics policy-making is also covered with insight by experienced players. The contributors offer a range of perspectives on both progressivism and bioethics. There are distinct points of view on the stance progressives should adopt toward policy, political activism, technology, religion, and other issues that shape the field. Though collectively they exhibit a general compatibility of viewpoint, these essays offer competing visions of what constitutes "progressivism" and what that implies for any given point of controversy. The reader is ineluctably drawn to interrogate and engage with the perspectives offered, and in this way the volume creates a conversation, both among the authors and with the reader as well. This volume will be a must-read for politically-engaged bioethicists and others interested in bioethics issues seen from a progressive perspective. It serves as a useful and provocative starting-point for debates over progressivism and its relationship to policymaking, and over the current state of bioethics and the political environment in which its debates are conducted. The content is uniformly sophisticated, insightful, and intriguing. Strongly recommended.

Leading scholars debate politically progressive perspectives on bioethics and the implications for society, politics, and science in the twenty-first century. Bioethics has become increasingly politicized over the past decade. Conservative voices dominated the debate at first, but the recent resurgence of progressivism and the application of its fundamental values (social justice, critical optimism, practical problem solving) to bioethical issues have helped correct this ideological imbalance. *Progress in Bioethics* is the first book to debate the meaning of progressive bioethics and to offer perspectives on the topic both from bioethicists who consider themselves progressive and from bioethicists who do not. It aims to begin a dialogue and to provide a foothold for readers interested in understanding the field. The chapter authors, leading scholars in the field, discuss the meaning of progressive bioethics, the rise of conservative bioethics, the progressive stance toward biotechnology, the interplay of progressive bioethics and religion, and progressive approaches to such specific policy issues as bioethics commissions, stem cell research, and health-care reform.

Finally we have a thorough exploration of the nature and implications of a progressive approach to bioethics, a needed counterweight to conservative attitudes toward science. *Progress in Bioethics* deserves a place on the shelf of every thoughtful person interested in the intersection of science, ethics, and public policy. (Chris Mooney, author of *The Republican War on Science*) This volume is a 'veritable manifesto' of the progressivist bioethicist perspective on the major issues of the bioethical movement today. (Edmund D. Pellegrino *The Quarterly of Biology*) The essays in this important volume taught me a great deal about how to think about the issues at the intersection of politics science and ethics. It's a subject deserving of every progressive person's attention and as the nuanced arguments herein suggest the answer to the question of what constitutes a liberal bioethics is complex which makes this volume all the more indispensable a guide. (Michael Tomasky, Editor, *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*) "The essays in this book are beautifully written, with each author presenting a well-reasoned thesis in an eloquent and passionate yet respectful and civil manner. In an age in which controversy is all too often accompanied by confrontation and argumentative discourse, the overall tone of this anthology is refreshing. The book successfully meets the goal of promoting a greater understanding and appreciation of progressivism in bioethics... For scholars, clinicians, and policy-makers whose work is enhanced by a deeper understanding of the primary intellectual debate in bioethics, *Progress in Bioethics* offers a provocative and stimulating educational experience." -- Andrew R. Barnosky, *Journal of the American Medical Association*

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