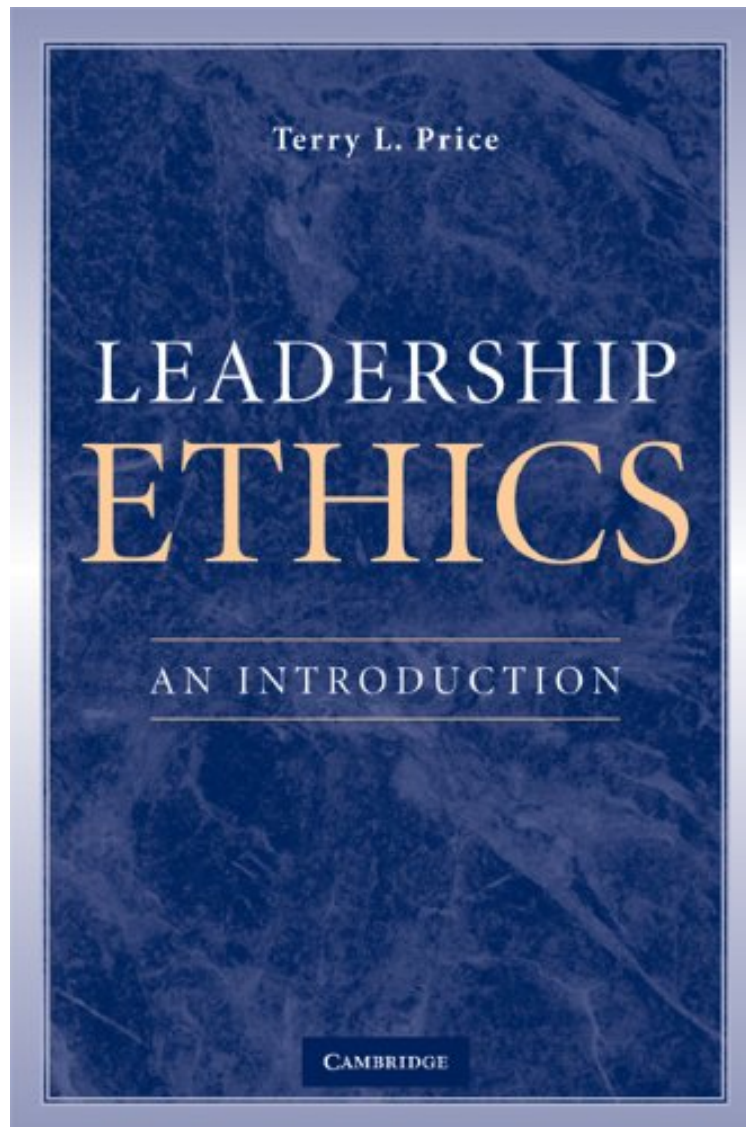


Leadership Ethics: An Introduction

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justifications leaders might claim for breaking the moral rules that are otherwise binding on the rest of us. In the course of developing his argument for a Kantian view, Professor Price presents a variety of classic ethical theories, treating them respectfully before showing their limitations when it comes to breaking ordinary moral rules. And he does this in accessible prose, step-by-step. At the 2008 International Leadership Association conference in Los Angeles, the author will be explaining his purpose and reviewing his argument. In my opinion, this book could serve as a textbook for undergraduates or graduates new to the issues. My other thoughts will be reserved until I publish a more intricate book review, but I can say that it will be positive.

Are leaders morally special? Is there something ethically distinctive about the relationship between leaders and followers? Should leaders do whatever it takes to achieve group goals? *Leadership Ethics* uses moral theory, as well as empirical research in psychology, to evaluate the reasons everyday leaders give to justify breaking the rules. Written for people without a background in philosophy, it introduces readers to the moral theories that are relevant to leadership ethics: relativism, amoralism, egoism, virtue ethics, social contract theory, situation ethics, communitarianism, and cosmopolitan theories such as utilitarianism and transformational leadership. Unlike many introductory texts, the book does more than simply acquaint readers with different approaches to leadership ethics. It defends the Kantian view that everyday leaders are not justified in breaking the moral rules.

"Price subtly examines the justifiability of rule breaking characteristic of leaders from the standpoint of the most prominent ethical theories, with acute commentary on pertinent work in psychology and much else. His exposition is clear, his arguments rigorous, his conclusions sometimes provocative but always worth taking seriously." -Ed Hartman, Stern School, New York University

"Terry Price does great service to those of us who are seriously interested in the ethics (and ethical failings) of leaders. Merging philosophy and psychology Price enhances our understanding of ethics and human behavior." -Ronald E. Riggio, Kravis Leadership Institute, Claremont McKenna College

"With this work, Price extends his significant contribution to the field of leadership ethics. Filled with clear examples and connections to empirical research, the book makes his theory as accessible as it is thought-provoking. This is a 'must have' for students and leadership scholars alike." -Ellen Van Velsor, Senior Fellow, Center for Creative Leadership

"Terry Price is one of the most insightful and creative writers on ethics and leadership. He is also one of the few who has something original to say about a topic that has many self-proclaimed experts. This book is sophisticated but also accessible, based on classic philosophy but also the latest empirical work, and one that will provide students as well as scholars with a deeper and richer understanding of an important and timely subject." -Kenneth P. Ruscio, President, Washington and Lee University

"Terry Price provides a compelling case that ethics still has a central place in everyday leadership. In this age of mounting scandals uncovered daily in the media, emerging leaders will find this book an excellent guide to relate moral theories to their decision-making process." -Gama Perruci, Dean of the McDonough Center for Leadership and Business

"Asking throughout whether rule breaking is justified in everyday leadership, the author answers in the form of a narrative that underscores the tension between relieving the 'normal' human psyche and achieving the best moral analysis. Price tightly weaves threads from empirical psychology, leadership theory, and moral philosophy to provide a clear case for being duty bound to embrace the Kantian viewpoint...Highly recommended." -G. E. Leaf, Washington State University

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