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THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND SOCIETY: Is There A Social Contract?



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The idea of a "social contract" among various elements of society has existed and been discussed for many centuries in virtually all human cultures. Western philosophy has spent a good deal of energy debating the question of whether or not there is a social contract between the governing and the governed --and if so what is its nature. There has also been a lot of debate about the nature of the relationship of the professions with government and society as a whole. These debates are as relevant today as ever. After a brief look at the history of the idea of a social contract, this presentation will investigate the questions: is there a social contract with the health professions? If so, what is its nature? If not, should there be one?

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