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Arthur Caplan PhD is the Drs. William F. and Virginia Connolly Mitty Professor and founding head of the Division of Medical Ethics at NYU School of Medicine. Previously, he was the Sidney D. Caplan Professor of Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, where he created the Center for Bioethics and the Department of Medical Ethics. He received his PhD from Columbia University, was a USA Today 2001 "Person of the Year", and one of the ten most influential people in America in biotechnology and the ethics of biotechnology. He is a frequent commentator on bioethics and healthcare and a recipient of numerous prestigious awards including the National Science Foundation/National Science Board for substantial contributions to increasing public understanding of science and engineering in the United States and the Food and Drug Administration's, Reagan/Udall Foundation, Innovation Award (2019). During the Covid-19 pandemic, Dr. Caplan has directed an advisory group on sports and recreation for the US Conference of Mayors; created a working group on coronavirus vaccine challenge studies; developed an ethical framework for distributing drugs and vaccines for J&J; helped develop rationing policies for NYU LMC and many other health systems; is a member of the WHO advisory committee on Covid, ethics and experimental drugs/vaccines; and helped set policy for WIRB/WCG for research studies. He is an advisor to Moderna and serves on the NCAA Sports and Covid committee.



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