



Understanding Ignorance

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The MIT Press Sep 2017, 2017. Buch. Condition: Neu. Neuware - Ignorance is trending. Politicians boast, 'I'm not a scientist.' Angry citizens object to a proposed state motto because it is in Latin, and 'This is America, not Mexico or Latin America.' Lack of experience, not expertise, becomes a credential. Fake news and repeated falsehoods are accepted and shape firm belief. Ignorance about American government and history is so alarming that the ideal of an informed citizenry now seems quaint. Conspiracy theories and false knowledge thrive. This may be the Information Age, but we do not seem to be well informed. In this book, philosopher Daniel DeNicola explores ignorance - its abundance, its endurance, and its consequences. He argues that ignorance is more than a lack or a void, and that it has dynamic and complex interactions with knowledge. Taking a broadly philosophical approach, DeNicola examines many forms of ignorance, using the metaphors of ignorance as place, boundary, limit, and horizon. He treats willful ignorance and describes the culture in which ignorance becomes an ideological stance. He discusses the ethics of ignorance, including the right not to know, considers the supposed virtues of ignorance, and concludes that there are situations...

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