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ABSTRACT

In this paper, I consider what a specifically feminist approach to collective action and responsibility might look like. What questions might it raise that would not otherwise get raised? What knowledge or perspective might it bring to the discussions that might not otherwise be brought? I first provide some background, giving a brief overview of the goals and motivations behind theories of collective action and responsibility and feminist philosophy to explain how feminist approaches can add a new dimension to “mainstream” philosophical discussions and advance them in beneficial ways. I then take up my central question, “what would a feminist theory of collective action and responsibility look like?” in three segments: Ontology, Ethics, and Application.