

## **Private Values in a Public Arena**

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Public and private values may diverge and give rise to the question: Should a politician ever sacrifice the moral values to which the politician is committed for some presumed public good? This suggests a spectrum of problems, with the recognized problem of dirty hands at one end and a more common problem of messy hands at the other. Often at issue is the instrumental value of political effectiveness, too great a concern for which can tempt a politician to make a Faustian bargain.

For a full discussion of these issues, see “Private Values in a Public Arena,” in the *Journal of Value Inquiry*, Volume 38, No. 1, 2004 or e-mail Thomas Magnell at [tmagnell@drew.edu](mailto:tmagnell@drew.edu).