

Una nuova concezione dell'etica pubblica

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A New Conception of Public Ethics

Abstract: It is argued that Pellegrino's view on public ethics is significantly different from the two most relevant models of public ethics that can be found in Italian literature, in that it rejects the standard institutional viewpoint and centres on the moral duties of the politician as an individual agent. It is then objected that Pellegrino's view is based on a doubtful (and implicitly realistic) distinction between moral and political reasons, and that his main argument for public ethics can be used also to defend a weak conception of political moralism.

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