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Regime values revisited

Since the 1980s, the study of public administration has seen the rise of the so-called constitutionalist approach. One of the earliest conceptual building blocks of this approach was John Rohr's concept of regime values (1978). Although in Rohr's version, the concept of regime values is prone to several problems and limitations, it is arguably worthwhile to salvage both the general approach and this particular concept. In this paper, the meaning of the concept is reexamined and its place among other public values is assessed. Further, an attempt is made to rework the concept and particularly to make it applicable to regimes other than the United States. (The paper is the 'constructive' follow-up to an earlier paper in which Rohr's concept was critically examined. Together these papers will offer an article-length argument.)

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