

ETHICS IN  
POLITICS

# WHAT IS ETHICS ?



- **Ethics**, also known as **moral philosophy**, is a branch of philosophy that involves systematizing, defending, and recommending concepts of right and wrong behavior



# 3 MAJOR OPERATIONAL AREAS

- Meta-ethics
- Normative ethics
- Applied ethics

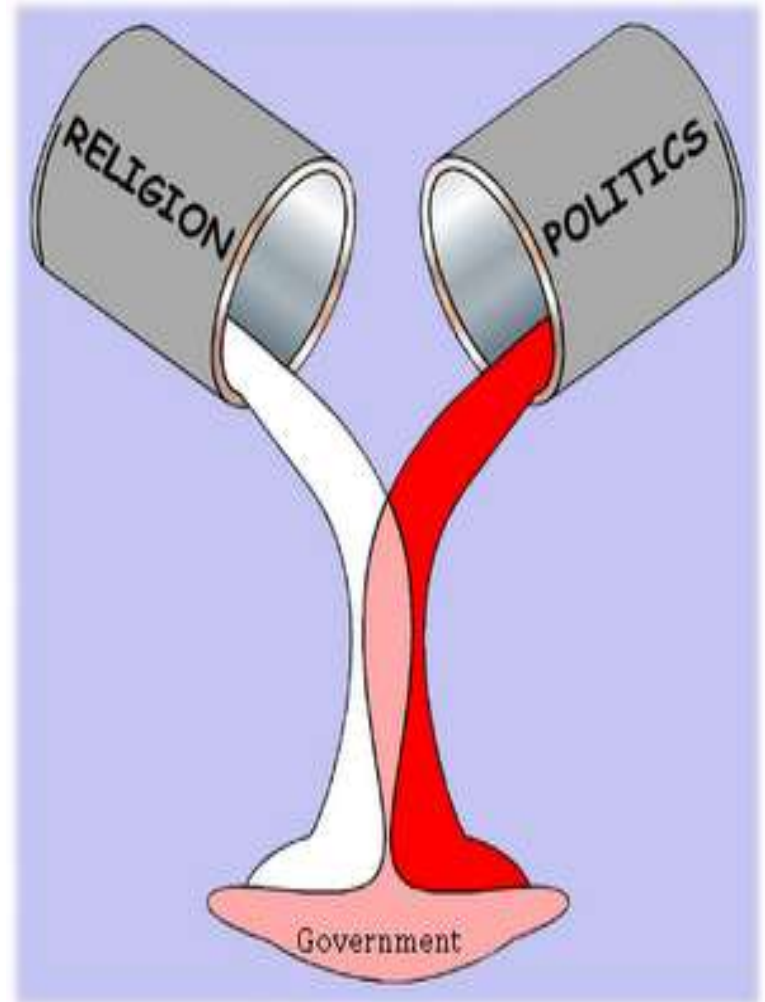


# *Politics*

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# WHAT IS POLITICS ?

- **Politics** as a term is generally applied to the art or science of running governmental or state affairs, including behavior within civil governments





- It deals extensively with the theory and practice of politics, and the analysis of political systems and political behavior
- It consists of "social relations involving authority or power" and to the methods and tactics used to formulate and apply policy



# 'In India, politics is a business'

- In a democracy, there is always a conflict between the slow rate of social pay off.
- True leadership is the ability to reconcile the two and promote long-term public good.
- A far more dangerous threat is the loss of purpose for leadership

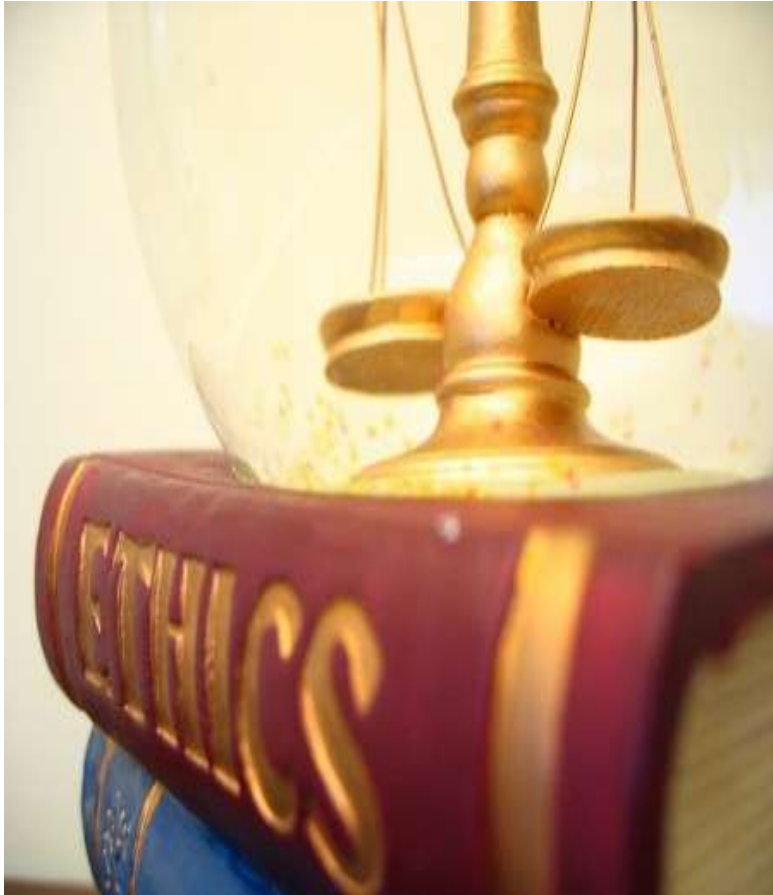


# A CODE OF ETHICS FOR POLITICIANS

1. Tell the truth
2. Take Responsibility
3. Rise above the Fray
4. Listen
5. Criticize the argument, not the person.



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6. Don't make promises you can't keep
7. Spend fairly
8. Remember what it's all about
9. Take a break
10. Lose well

# MANAGING ETHICS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

- Clear Ethical Standards
- Reflected in legal framework
- Ethical Guidance
- Information



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- Reinforce Ethical conduct
- Transparent decision-making
- Public and private sector interaction
- Promote Ethical conduct
- Dealing with misconduct





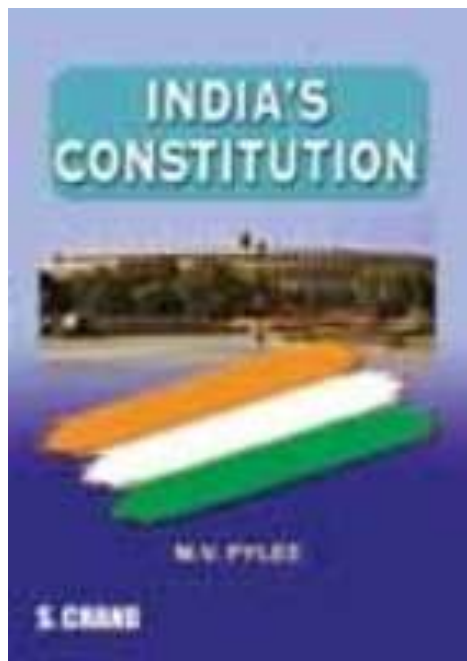
# SUGGESTIONS





# POLITICS AND ETHICS OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

- Rescue political theory in India.
- The volume provides discussions on equality, the idea of citizenship and property.



# POLITICAL ETHICS

- **Political ethics are a set of codes.**
- **Political ethics balance the needs of situations with ethical questions.**
- **Politics can involve a wide variety of ethical issues.**
- **Politicians struggle with ethical dilemmas every day.**



- Certain political activities are regulated to prevent ethical dilemmas.
- Politicians have unspoken rules they follow when interacting with each other and members of the public.



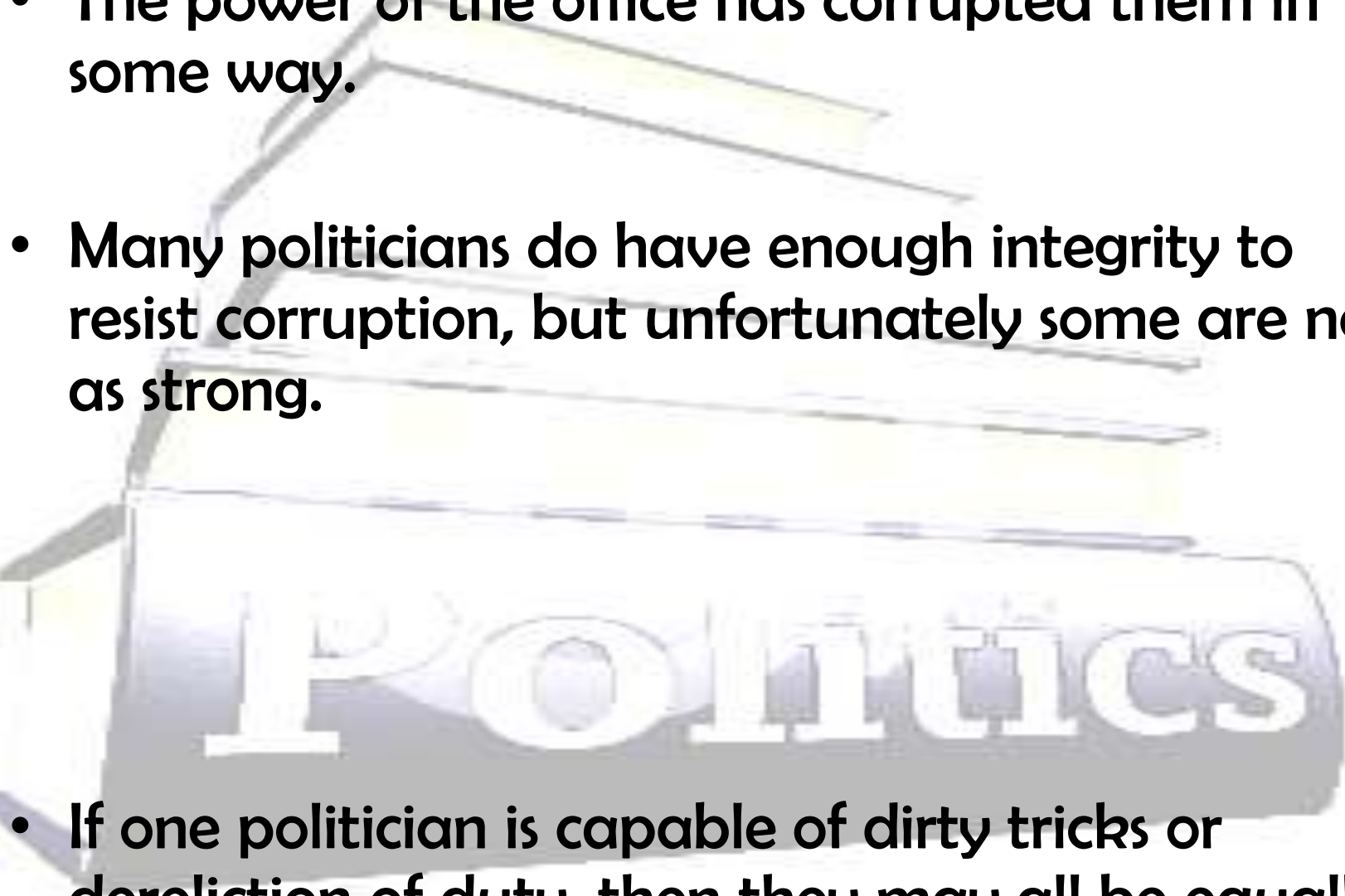
# WHY DO POLITICIANS HAVE SUCH A BAD REPUTATION?

- Sometimes it seems there is a difference between public service and politics.
- Politicians have a bad reputation is the election process itself.
- Popularity.



**CORRUPTION**  
THE ONLY CURE FOR IT IS MORE MONEY



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- The power of the office has corrupted them in some way.
  - Many politicians do have enough integrity to resist corruption, but unfortunately some are not as strong.
  - If one politician is capable of dirty tricks or dereliction of duty, then they may all be equally capable of some wrongdoing.



# THE IMPORTANCE OF ETHICS

- Ethics should be an integral part of politics.
- Citizens began to demand ethical behavior from their business and political leaders.
- Ethics is important, from a moral viewpoint.



# WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ETHICAL AND UNETHICAL

- An ethical issue is one that is done with the intention of being either moral or immoral.
- Morals and ethics are two sides of the same coin.

