

***Fallacious Civic Ethics***  
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*Wait till next year before correcting abuses. Moderate your zeal until everyone agrees. Trust evolution to bring progress while you continue gentle propaganda without any definite raising of any rallying banner for attracting votes. You can not make people good by law. Never mention politics in school, church or club. Stick to Moses, Aristotle, Dante and Egyptian Art. Conservative, cautious hesitation brings forward a noble cause faster than spasmodic jumps. The least of the possible evils is better than striving for the perhaps unattainable best. The voice of the people is the voice of God and so minorities must be wrong. But when a change of a few votes shifts the majority, has the voice of God changed or may a minority be wrong? It is better to be President than to be right. Whatever is, is right. You may fail if you try to change present conditions. Better succeed voting for what you do not want than to ignominiously fail voting for what you do want.*

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