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## Improper Influence of Office: Laws, Codes and Cases

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Improper influence of office is an abuse of power which demeans democracy. To be sure, it is reasonable to expect that elected officials and public servants will be influential in terms of promotion of ideas and ideals which will enhance government and administration. It is also reasonable, however, to expect that influence will not be used to advance non-meritorious and illegal decisions and actions. This presentation explores the concept of improper influence and how it is defined and regulated in statutes and codes of ethics as well as some contemporary examples. The view that rules about improper influence should not only reflect concerns respecting conflict of interest but concerns about inappropriate governance and administration more generally will also be outlined.

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