

**Homeless in Utah, Desperately Seeking a Backyard**  
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How might democratic practices, such as town hall meetings, detract from ethical practices? Is it always good to consult the public?

Who is responsible for people on the edges of society -- the homeless, the populations of prisons? How should we balance the concerns of homeowners and the homeless, or more generally, the rights and interests of the well-off and those less advantaged?

The article tends to focus on the interests of homeowners and the homeless, but whose interests are all at play in the decision to build the homeless shelter? Whose interests should matter most?

What is the central moral question of this story? What do you think the answer to that moral question is?