The Case Against Privatization

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ABSTRACT

The Article develops a non-instrumental argument against privatization of certain forms of political coercion. Its primary foci are the privatization of prisons and the use of mercenaries in wars. The Article maintains that some governmental decisions cannot be executed by private entities. While private individuals may act in conformity with the state's orders such conformity cannot count as an execution of the orders of the state and cannot be attributed to the state. Conformity that does not constitute an execution of the state's orders, in turn, fails to realize the ends for the sake of which the infliction of force is justified, i.e., condemnation of the criminal behavior (in the case of punishment) and fighting for the polity's public good (in the case of wars).

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