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## A Modest Proposal on "The Meaning of Life

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This article posits that Public Administration facilitates "The Meaning of Life" (with apologies to Monty Python). The first section locates personal "meaning" in individual empowerment and concludes that this empowerment is best achieved through a democratic system of collective action. The second section asserts the definitional boundaries of Public Administration necessarily must be drawn to include the democratic political system, which controls decision making and shapes implementation. Public administration, as the field that addresses the implementation of democratic collective action, therefore facilitates the Meaning of Life!

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