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The Boston Tradition

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Walter Russell Mead has a fascinating essay, and a blessedly concise one too, on the Boston tradition of investing the state with moral import and significance. Mead goes back to the Puritans, through the Abolitionists, and up through the Kennedys in his analysis, showing how each group invested government with the mission of articulating, and furthering, the moral good of society. This essay is a fine rebuke to one of the commentators on my post yesterday about the National Catholic Register's article regarding the children of same sex parents attending Catholic schools. A "John F" expressed faux shock that "New England" should be so unconcerned with morals and truth. Alas, John F has it all wrong.

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