Who Cares Whether a Political Adviser Is Gay?
A Double Standard?

To the Editor:


When politicians announce that they are personally opposed to abortion but do not favor their personal preferences being written into law, they are held up as paragons of tolerance. However, when politicians practice tolerance toward homosexuals in their own lives but are unwilling to impose a “legally mandated tolerance” on others, they are accused of hypocrisy. By Mr. Rich’s reasoning, a legislator who is faithful to his wife would be a hypocrite for opposing criminal sanctions against adultery. Surely Mr. Rich cannot believe that the proper role of legislators is to require the rest of us to live our lives the way they live theirs.

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