



# The Development Dilemma

How the Dakota Project Can Change  
the Discourse of Decision

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## Apologists

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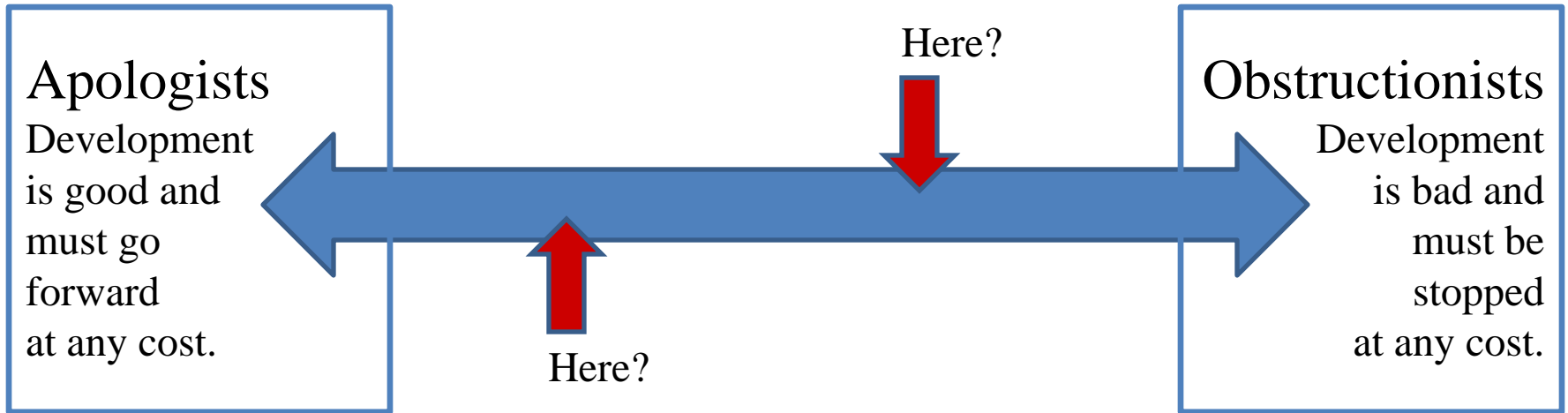
## Obstructionists

Development is bad and must be stopped at any cost.

### Why is this a dilemma?

- Issues are framed in moral terms: good and bad
- Argument is along a linear continuum: more or less
- It's a zero-sum game: winners and losers

# Where Is the Answer?



Is there an answer here?

- At any point, public goods are sacrificed
- Moral arguments never satisfied by compromise
- Answers are considered only along the continuum

# Imagination Offline

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What if we get off the zero-sum continuum?

- Do not allow the partisans to define the issues
- Imagine solutions that are off the continuum
- Deploy the resources generated by development to solve the problems entailed by development

# Ethics of the Imagination

What is the good life?  
What are the possibilities?

# Four Pillars of Redevelopment

1. Prosperity in agriculture
2. Boom in energy
3. Knowledge industry
4. Positive brand



# The Dakota Project

What are the possibilities?  
What is the good life?