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**Whatever Happened to Public Management? Governance, Governance Everywhere**

The word governance has come to dominate the contemporary literature in what was once known as the field of public management, particularly in Europe. In the search for conceptual clarity, this paper is a synthesis of the governance literature, a critique of that literature, and an argument that by narrowing the definitions and meanings of governance and by reducing its claims, that governance will be a useful contribution to the field of public management.