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THE CONCEPT OF TOLERANCE, as used in a Western tradition, has moved from describing the medieval church’s relation to other religions and unwanted minorities to become part of a secularized political discourse. Today, tolerance and concepts such as gender equality and diversity are used to differentiate between the “good” and the “bad” citizen and to identify threats towards liberal democracies. Using the case-study of a Swedish governmental agency and the theoretical work of Wendy Brown, this lecture focuses on the strategic function of tolerance as praxis within present-day liberal democracies.