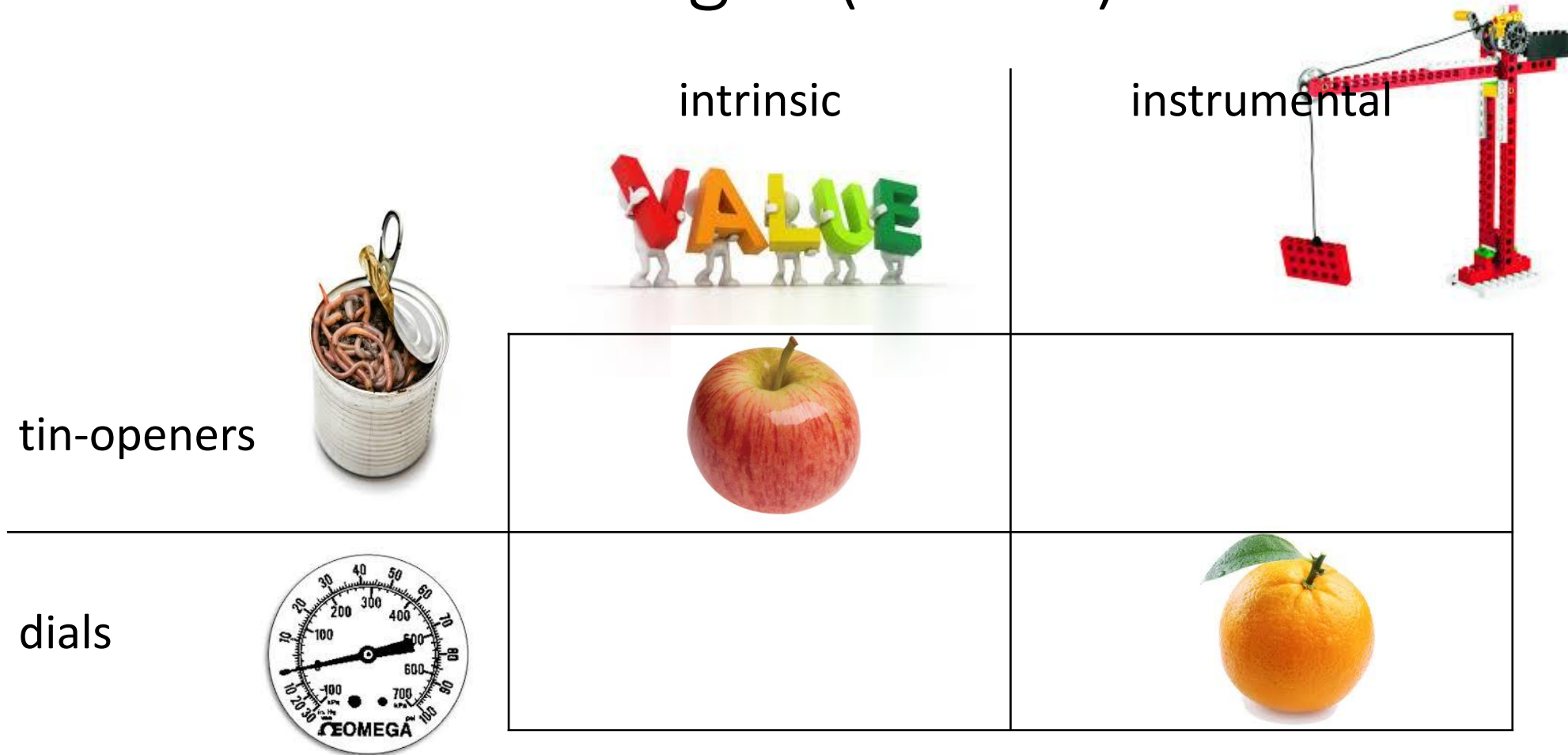


Keep the apples away from
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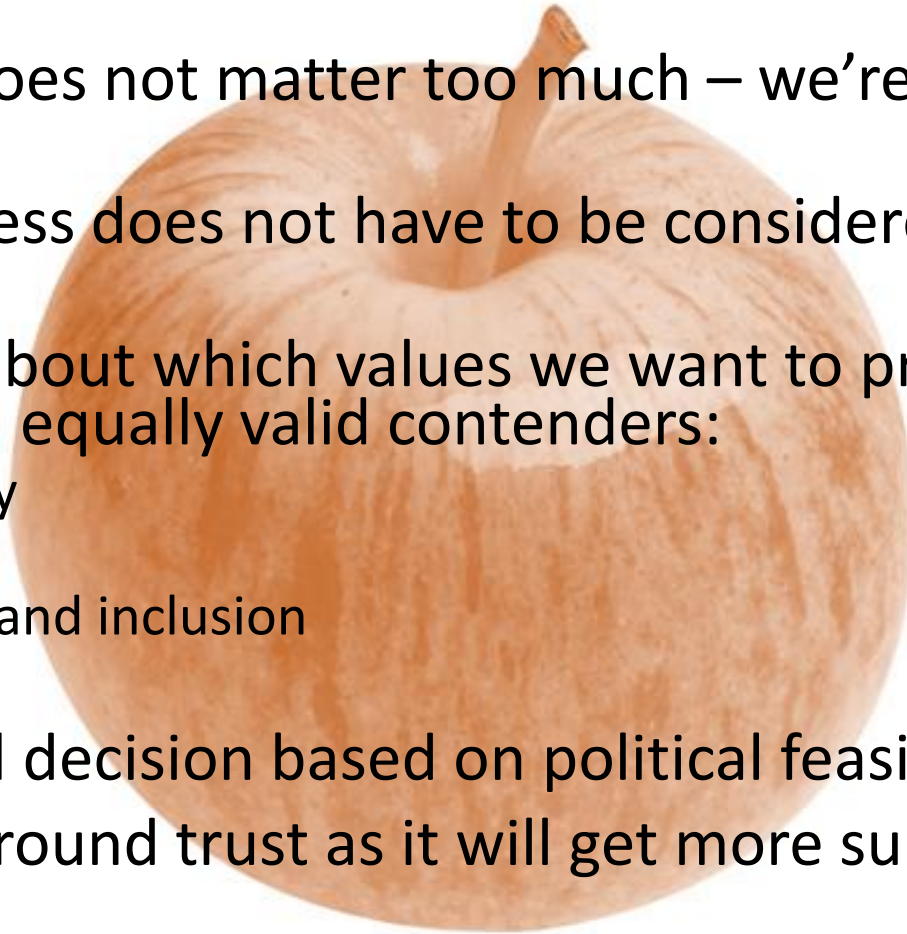
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Apples (SDGs) are different to oranges (ISPMS)



Sustainable Development Goals

- Actionability does not matter too much – we're not advising in detail on how to do it
- Actionworthiness does not have to be considered – it is intrinsically valuable
- We're talking about which values we want to prioritize out of many competing and equally valid contenders:
 - Accountability
 - Transparency
 - Participation and inclusion
 - Trust
- Make a tactical decision based on political feasibility and support
- My money is around trust as it will get more support



When we talk about indicators of the strength of public management systems

- Actionability matters – we’re advising/conditioning lending on how to improve the measure:
 - Outputs and outcomes are too far down the chain
 - ISPMS was soft code for “indicators of central agency functioning” – this was for a reason
- Actionworthiness matters – these are instrumental objectives, they do not have intrinsic merit
- A la Edison – it’s not that we’ve failed, we’ve succeeded in discovering what does not work:
 - It looks like the holy grail of available administrative data is not within reach
 - Surveys – with all the costs and logistics that this implies - are the only hope
- My money is on “engagement” as it will be the most independent of administrative tradition