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(adjective) O-shi-os

Ineffective, worthless, lazy.

Whenever I have in the past written a dedicatory letter to a novel, I have been reproached by my friends who tell me that it is a very old-fashioned and otiose thing to do.

Hugh Walpole, in the prefatory letter to *The Inquisitor*.

My right hon. Friend the Member for Manchester, Gorton (Sir Gerald Kaufman) said that the debate is *otiose* because nothing will happen, and asked what new incoming Prime Minister would want to get bogged down in the issue.


It would imply an unworthy conception of the federal judiciary to give weight to the suggestion that acknowledgment of this power will tempt some otiose or timid judge to shuffle off responsibility.

U.S. Supreme Court, LOUISIANA P. & L. CO. v. THIBODAUX CITY, 360 U.S. 25 (1959), decided 8 June 1959. US Supreme Court

Assessments of quality are *otiose* and elitist; viewing figures and numbers of sales are all.