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A Variety of Perspectives: An Introduction

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Serving as a catalyst for the collection of essays that follow, Sharon Wildey's "The Corner" cries out for a response from institutional decision-makers and reform-advocates. Responses to this area of social and political conflict should flow as abundantly as they presently do with "Watergate", for there appears a close similarity between the ills of "The Corner" and the appalling and outrageous nature of "Watergate". In spite of the apparent sickness evidenced in both situations, our hope is perhaps "Watergate," because it so directly affronts the general health and sensibilities of the entire nation, will serve as the spearhead for a constructive identity-reawakening of America's institutions to their appropriate roles, authorities, and functions and for a response to both situations and more. In the meantime, clear responses, considering at least the legal ramifications, are urgently needed from the BAR Association, Congress, and interest groups, such as Citizens for a Good Government, as regards these serious problems.

The writers of the subsequent essays in response to "The Corner" present the problems, insofar as their persuasions permit, and analyze and solve them according to their disciplines. In so doing, the writers offer the beginnings of a variety of resources for consideration without pretending to provide exhaustive solutions.

The solutions, answers, conclusions—THE RESPONSE—is for the reader to assert, too. Hopefully, it will be of a principled, reasoned, and comprehensive nature. Wherever you may be: do respond!

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