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Propositions accompanying the dissertation  
Thinking About Corrupt Thinking:  
Exploring the Decision-Making Process of Corruption

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1. The form of corruption determines aspects of its decision-making process (this dissertation).
2. Corruption, which is generally regarded as immoral behavior, could be used to achieve not only personal and organizational goals, but also pro-social and morally sound goals (this dissertation).
3. Ethical leadership can reduce followers' corruption by changing their thinking style and leading them to intuitively engage less in corruption (this dissertation).
4. Machiavellianism is positively associated with corruption and inhibits the effectiveness of ethical leadership in reducing followers' corruption (this dissertation).
5. Interdisciplinary corruption research is needed due to the complex nature of corruption.
6. Decision-makers designing anti-corruption programs are advised to tailor their interventions to the specific form of corruption, acknowledging the specific aspects of decision-making involved in the process (impact paragraph).
7. An atmosphere of corruption promotes a reality of corruption.
8. Corruption is a worldwide epidemic. It requires worldwide efforts to combat it.
9. In contrast to victims of other deviant behaviors, victims of corruption are often unaware of the transgression.
10. A trail carved by someone will be followed by someone else (moral code).
11. "So surely every hardship is followed by ease. Yes, every hardship shall be followed by an ease. When you are free (having finished one task) strive hard to do (the next)" (QS94:5-7).