Varietà di corruzione politica: verso un resoconto più inclusivo

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Varieties of Political Corruption: Towards a More Inclusive Account

Abstract: This paper canvasses a range of phenomena that are frequently described as forms of political corruption to help inform our theorizing about what political corruption is. I also aim to make some progress towards a more inclusive account of political corruption. I cover forms of corruption that occur in the process of acquiring public office, along with forms that occur in the execution of public duties, and those related to life after holding office. I also discuss individual and institutional forms of corruption in the political sphere. On my more inclusive account, political corruption can involve diverse forms of contaminated results, processes, or people. In concluding remarks, I note that it is particularly difficult to explain why the flaws identified are ones of political corruption rather than some other dysfunctions that might be neighboring concepts, though I also note that this is an area ripe for further analysis.

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