

Excerpt from hour-long interview of Sargent Shriver, 21 Sep 72, New York. Interviewers were National Editor Robert E. Thompson, Washington Bureau Chief William Theis and columnist Marianne Means. Story is written by Theis, datelined Washington.

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Q - Is there any way that you and Senator McGovern can take any more advantage of this Watergate situation than you have already attempted to do in the sense of arousing public feeling about it? Apparently there is a great deal of public indifference . . .

A - I don't know personally of any way in which the conscience of America can be made more sensitive than it currently is.

I must say I think one of the real tragedies is that our conscience as a people has become benumbed, and we are getting to the point where we will accept nearly anything.

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